



Philosophy and Aims Statement Policy

Philosophy

The philosophy of Elliott Park School is to provide a firm foundation on which all aspects of education will be built. It is our belief that education is a route to the well-being of the individual. We believe in equal opportunities for all the children in our school, irrespective of social background, culture, race, gender or ability. In order to ensure future progress and success, we aim to provide a curriculum that is broad and balanced. It is our belief that we should provide a learning environment that is motivating, exciting and caring, in order for a child to develop a sense of high self-esteem and academic achievement.

Our school philosophy is the framework for general and more specific whole school aims and is the foundation from which all aspects of our school community develop:

- To create high standards of learning for all children
- To create a lively and stimulating learning environment, which is exciting today and a preparation for the future.
- To create a caring, secure environment so that all at Elliott Park School might enjoy high self-esteem.
- To develop responsibility towards the environment.
- To create a lasting partnership with parents.
- To create surroundings where each individual feels confident and at ease
- To be able to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of the rapidly changing world.
- To develop a commitment to the virtues of truth, justice, honesty, trust and a sense of duty.

Aims

Elliott Park School has two main aims in the school curriculum:

- To provide opportunities for all pupils to learn and to achieve.
- To prepare all pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

These are based on an approach that stresses continuity, balance, recognition of the individual and the importance of skills, concepts, attitudes and values.

Aim 1 - To Provide Opportunities for all Pupils to Learn and to Achieve

The school aims to:

- develop enjoyment and commitment to learning
- build on pupils' strengths, interests and experiences
- develop their confidence in their capability to learn, work independently and collaboratively
- equip them with the essential learning skills of Literacy and Numeracy

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- promote enquiring minds and a capacity to think rationally
- contribute to the child's sense of identity through knowledge and understanding of Britain's diverse society, and of the local, national, European and global dimensions of their lives
- encourage pupils to appreciate human aspirations and achievements in aesthetic, scientific, technological and social fields
- provide a rich and varied working environment to enable pupils to acquire, develop and apply a broad range of knowledge, understanding and skills
- enable children to think creatively and critically and to solve problems
- develop their physical skills, encouraging them to acknowledge the importance of a healthy lifestyle and of keeping themselves and others safe.

Aim 2 - To Prepare all Pupils for the Opportunities, Responsibilities and Experiences of Life

The school curriculum aims to:

- promote pupils' all round development
- develop their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of their own and different beliefs and cultures
- develop pupils' integrity
- help them to be responsible, caring citizens and to make a difference for the better
- promote equal opportunities
- develop an awareness and understanding of the environment
- guide them to an understanding of their rights and responsibilities
- promote pupils' self-esteem and emotional well-being
- help pupils form and maintain worthwhile and satisfying relationships based on respect for others and themselves
- enable pupils to respond to opportunities, challenges and responsibilities, to manage risk and cope with change and adversity
- prepare children for the next stages of their education
- develop children's imagination and creativity by offering a wide range of experiences
- teach an appreciation of all aspects of the arts and the skills to use music, drama and the arts as a means of expression.

Our Aims and Objectives as stated on our Website

- To create for every pupil a happy and safe school environment
- To ensure a command of the English language and an ability to communicate with other people with poise and confidence
- To encourage an enjoyment of reading
- To develop a knowledge and an understanding of mathematical operations
- To awaken an awareness of the heritage around us through science, history and geography
- To maintain right moral values in an ordered society, promoting courtesy, good manners, honesty and consideration for others as very important qualities.