



SAXON WOOD SCHOOL

*"Where learning has no limits"*

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# OUR ETHOS

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Saxon Wood School is an inclusive special school for children aged 2-11 years old. We foster a love of learning and are committed to ensuring all of our children receive an excellent education and strive to overcome any barriers to learning.

We are an aspirational school and aim for all children to learn, achieve and succeed in different ways relevant to their needs.

**Our ethos is... "Where learning has no limits"**

# OUR VISION

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Our vision is to provide a holistic learning environment which has high aspirations for all of our children by ensuring that our well-supported teachers, learning support assistants and therapists work in partnership with parents and carers to enable children to experience a high quality, exciting and integrated curriculum designed to meet each child's individual needs and personal development, rich in life skills and to prepare them for the next stage of their education. Wellbeing is at the forefront of everything we do ensuring that children, staff and parents are supported to talk openly about emotional wellbeing and mental health.

## **We aim for all children at Saxon Wood School...**



- To know who they are as individuals
- To be effective communicators
- To be able to make trusting relationships
- To develop a level of independence
- To be able to make their own choices
- To be confident and responsible members of the community
- To acquire skills for life
- To make happy memories and a feeling of pride
- To achieve their very best
- To be ready to take on new challenges
- To show respect and care for others
- To be ready for secondary school

# OUR VALUES

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Saxon Wood's core values link to the British Values which helps the children in gaining an understanding of what these look like in practice:



- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

## The Saxon Wood Values

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**A**SPIRATIONAL · **C**OMMUNICATION · **H**APPY · **I**NDEPENDENT

**E**NCOURAGED · **V**ALUED · **E**MPOWERED

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## ASPIRATIONAL

We have the highest aspirations and aim for the best outcomes for the children. Our children learn through the provision of ambitious, exciting opportunities, and a well-designed, appropriate and individualised curriculum.

We aim for outstanding teaching at Saxon Wood. We are skilled in assessing and recognising the smallest steps of progress achieved.

Children learn through a child-focused target, flexible approach. They learn best in a positive, nurturing environment, with excellent resources, including quality outdoor provision.

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## COMMUNICATION

We strive to find and apply the most effective approaches to communicate, and provide our children with the skills and systems to have a voice. Through our stimulating curriculum and trusting relationships, we aim to give the children a purpose to communicate.

## HAPPINESS

We believe children learn best when they are enjoy learning in a positive, nurturing environment. We foster a sense of pride in achievements, however big or small, and celebrate successes. We aim to bring happiness and self – belief to all children.

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## INDEPENDENCE

We strive for our children to develop their independence skills, so they can ultimately make decisions and where possible can care for and organise themselves, as well as keeping themselves safe

## ENCOURAGED

We believe that we can overcome barriers to learning. We encourage children to achieve their very best and have high aspirations for all. We adopt an "Actually I can...." attitude in everything we do.

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## VALUED

We value and celebrate the children for who they are. We know that all our children are different, individual and unique. Our learning is, inclusive, focused and targeted to their specific learning needs

## EMPOWERED

We endeavour to empower the children to try hard, persevere, be courageous, challenge themselves and achieve their personal goals. We believe it is a fundamental right for children to make their own choices. We believe children need to have and influence in their own lives. We aim to equip children with the skills to make choices to empower them, in preparation for their adult lives.



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## **We strive for our leadership and staff to...**

- Be inspirational leaders
- Demonstrate excellent leadership of learning
- Have high expectations for the whole school community
- Be dedicated to ensuring the children reach their full potential
- Be committed to enabling and encouraging children to overcome their barriers to learning
- Value everybody and foster respectful, trusting relationships



## **We strive for the teaching and learning to...**

- Be of high quality
- Be inclusive
- Be tailored to meet the needs of each child through a relevant and purposeful curriculum
- Enable and facilitate communication
- Encourage confident, and independent learning
- Access exceptional resources and learning environments
- Be fun, motivating, enjoyable and innovative
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- Prepare the children for life beyond Saxon Wood

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## **We strive for wellbeing and safety to...**

- Ensure all children are ready for learning, by making sure their basic needs are met at school
- Be vigilant and proactive about safeguarding
- Focus on the wellbeing for all in our school community
- Be welcoming and caring
- Foster appropriate, trusting relationships with peers and adults
- Empower children and nurture self esteem
- Inform children how to keep safe
- Celebrate success, however small



## **We strive for the behaviour in school to...**

- Be respectful towards everyone in the school community and to visitors
- Be reflective and restorative
- Be based on clear and consistent expectations
- Be appropriate and safe
- Be representative of the school when off-site

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## **We strive for our relationships with families and carers to...**

- Be cohesive in our joint partnership
- Be based on trust and respect
- Be understanding
- Have excellent, open communication
- Be supportive and reflective
- Celebrate and value achievements

## **We strive for our links with the community to....**

- Promote all aspects of community cohesion because we want our children to grow up in a society that respects and celebrates diversity
- Celebrate diversity so that children learn how cultural differences enhance all our lives
- Help pupils understand what makes a cohesive community and how this is important in enabling people to enjoy living in this area.
- Ensure collaboration with Health and Social care to support families to enable excellent learning outcomes



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