

MOON HALL SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Statement of ethos and values

Moon Hall School, Reigate provides a supportive school environment for dyslexic children where expectations for diligence and achievement are high. We enable our pupils to take full advantage of their intellect and talents by learning how to manage their dyslexia.

Our ethos is underpinned by the basic values of:

- Tolerance
- Courage
- Respect
- Resilience
- Integrity.

We practice and teach our pupils these values as well as the values of democracy, diversity, tolerance, and equal opportunity. Our school welcomes pupils of all religions and of none.

We know that in the right environment and with the right support and encouragement, all our pupils are capable of achieving their potential, both in their personal development and academically. Our schools are caring and challenging learning environments in which each child is encouraged to extend their individual talents and achieve their personal best. We teach our pupils respect for their school and its wider community; to take pride their school and its achievements, including their own.

We work closely in partnership with our parents in all aspects of their child's development and wellbeing.

Because our pupils are all dyslexic, in our community they no longer feel isolated as a minority among their peers. They learn quickly to support and help each other overcome difficulties. We teach them to be resilient in face of setbacks and prepared to meet the challenges of adult life. Ours are small schools with high adult: pupil ratios; our staff know our pupils individually and help them to develop independent learning strategies. As a school our aim is that our pupils feel safe and secure. They know that they can discuss any concerns with the staff whether about school or more generally, including personal safety, and that these concerns will be acted on.

We offer a stimulating and challenging stage-appropriate curriculum, including a wide range of creative subjects in which our pupils can excel. We want our pupils to enjoy learning and the excitement to be gained from having an enquiring mind, to appreciate the wonder and complexity of the world and to have opportunities to be innovative. All pupils get the opportunity to perform in front of their peers and families, which builds their self-confidence.

We provide our pupils with opportunities for teamwork and leadership, in which their personalities can develop and flourish. We encourage them to be positive, compassionate and know the value of making a positive contribution to their community. Our aim is for all of our pupils to leave us with the qualifications they need for the next stage of their education and for their adult life. Above

all we expect them to leave as confident, resilient individuals, with integrity and enthusiasm for the future.

We can only achieve these objectives for our pupils with a highly committed, professional staff. We aim to work as a collegiate organisation with mutual respect for and reliance on the contribution made by each other. Our staff have the knowledge and expertise to help our pupils succeed and excel in the learning environment that we provide: as a school, we understand the difference and know how to make a difference.

Understanding the difference, making the difference.