

# AIMS & OBJECTIVES

## ***“Challenge all, embrace opportunity and fulfil potential.”***

Sevenoaks Prep's culture of kindness, effort and positivity is implanted and exemplified every day; these values become a way of life - for life.

### **The Way of Life**

*(Years 3 – 8)*

- I ought to think at all times how my every action will affect others in my life: parents, friends, relations, teachers and everyone younger than myself.
- I ought to treat all others as I would want to be treated myself, and take a personal interest in how other people feel.
- I ought not to touch anything that is not mine, unless with permission or unless I am being helpful.
- I ought to be polite to everybody at all times and be positive in my actions.
- I ought to take responsibility for my own maturity by ensuring I assist in the smooth running of the school and my home.
- I ought to take ownership of my studies, concentrating and applying myself to achieve to the best of my ability.
- I ought to obey in the right spirit the instructions of my teachers and parents.
- I ought to report immediately any damage or unfortunate behaviour to my teachers and/or my parents.
- I ought to remember that in life my aim should be to solve problems not cause them, to build bridges rather than knock them down, to trust others and to be trusted, to put the needs of others first and mine last, to improve and make better whatever or whoever I am involved with.
- I ought, at all times, to be totally honest to myself and to others.

*(Nursery – Year 2)*

- Do be gentle.
- Do be kind and helpful.
- Do work hard.
- Do look after property.
- Do listen to people.
- Do be honest.

Our “Way of Life” allows pupils to understand the importance of developing self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence. We nurture in our pupils a growth mindset, preparing them for the test of life rather than a life of tests. We balance academic challenge with essential areas of the tapestry of life: sport, music, art, design, technology, drama and other hobbies.

We believe it is vital that our pupils do not fear failure and are provided with the necessary support if they make mistakes. We encourage, supervise and guide our pupils - but most important of all we talk with them and give them our time. Sevenoaks Prep is about seeing the children as individuals; whilst they mature at different times and in different ways, our belief is that as long as they are trying their best we can ask for no more.

Pupils learn to appreciate British values: we are all different and should respect diversity, be tolerant of other people’s views and develop in every young person the values, skills and behaviours so valuable in today’s society.

We are a team of pupils, staff and parents. Parent involvement is vital to us in the education and life enhancement of our pupils for the home, the school and in the outside world.

The Sevenoaks Prep “Way of Life” is where we have the privilege, together with parents, to do the very best for the academic, personal and social development of our pupils.

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