



Aims & Ethos

We hope all our children enjoy the years they spend at Gorsewood and find them stimulating and rewarding. It is the main aim of this school to provide such an environment where each child feels valued, respected and confident to accept challenges.

At Gorsewood we believe that in order to experience success children have to believe in themselves and expect that they **can** do things. They need to acquire the basic skills and attitudes that will equip them to meet new challenges with confidence. We encourage children to do their best in everything they do and the staff expects high standards of behaviour and work from everybody.

Here at Gorsewood Primary School we aim to:

1. Provide an education consisting of a broad-based and stimulating curriculum, which is designed to meet the differing needs and abilities of the individual child - spiritually, academically, morally and socially. We aim to teach our pupils to learn how to:
 - Observe, listen, discuss, plan, enquire, invent, construct and solve problems
 - Read with enjoyment and understanding
 - Make music
 - Calculate and understand mathematical concepts
 - Collect and organise information
 - Study local/wider environment and understand times and places beyond their experience
 - Work with computers and calculators to enhance learning
 - Communicate and express ideas and feelings in Speech and Writing, Drama, Art & Music
 - Be aware of Christianity and other major religions
2. Provide an environment where each child is encouraged to develop to the full extent of their ability. Where each person is valued and made aware that they have the potential to make a positive contribution to the school. We aim to encourage our pupils to:
 - Appreciate Literature, Art and Music
 - Have a critical awareness of the media
 - Be questioning and discriminating
 - Be reflective and use reason
 - Attend and enjoy school, develop any special talents and adopt healthy lifestyle choices
 - Work co-operatively, care for others and also for the environment
 - Concentrate and persevere, be self reliant, self-confident and build a good self image
 - Make the best possible effort, achieve their potential and have aspirations for life beyond school
 - Become confident, independent learners and develop a sense of self-discipline
 - Acquire a set of moral values on which to base their own behaviour, e.g. honesty, justice, sincerity, fairness and personal responsibility
 - Develop positive relationships and engage in decision making
3. Develop links with the local community and promote community cohesion.
4. Encourage the partnership between home and school. To engage in positive communication with parents and to encourage parents/carers to take an active part in their child's education and school life.
5. Provide equal opportunities for all and treat all individuals fairly.