Herons Class Ethos

In Herons Class, we believe that every child deserves to feel safe, valued, understood, and capable of success. We celebrate each pupil's unique strengths, interests, communication style, and way of learning. Through meaningful experiences, strong relationships, and high expectations, we support every child to develop confidence, independence, and a love of learning.

Our Vision

We create a nurturing, inclusive environment where pupils are empowered to:

- Communicate in ways that work for them
- Develop independence and self-advocacy
- Build positive relationships with others
- Explore the world through engaging, hands-on experiences
- Feel proud of who they are and what they achieve.

What Matters in Herons

Communication: Every voice is valued. We support all forms of communication including speech, signs, symbols, AAC, gestures and body language.

Relationships: Trusting relationships are at the heart of everything we do. We learn best when we feel safe, understood, and connected.

Independence: We encourage pupils to make choices, solve problems, and take increasing responsibility for themselves. Success is measured by personal progress, however small the step.

Engagement: Learning is practical, meaningful, sensory-rich, and motivating. We build on our pupils' interests to create memorable learning experiences.

Wellbeing: Emotional regulation and wellbeing come first. We recognise that children learn best when their needs are understood and supported.

How We Learn

In Herons, we learn through:

- Exploration and play
- Sensory experiences
- Real-life learning opportunities
- Communication and interaction
- Creativity and curiosity
- Repetition, routine and celebration of success

Our Commitment

We will:

- Assume competence and maintain high aspirations for every pupil.
- Celebrate effort as well as achievement.
- Provide appropriate challenge and support.
- Listen carefully to pupils and their families.
- Promote dignity, respect, and belonging in everything we do.



Together, we help every child flourish, achieve, and be proud of who they are.