

Thursday 7th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of term and start looking forward to a new school year, the timing feels appropriate to share with you some work we have been doing with the children and staff to refresh our vision and values.

We have been on a long journey together during the pandemic and many things have evolved as a consequence of our shared experience. We felt it was really important therefore, to discuss what we wanted our school to be like and to clarify our mission and values as we look ahead to the future.

We have had some wonderful discussions with the children as you might imagine. Some of the highlights are that they would like robots in class, dressing-up days, learning outside, meeting experts (including Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson), class pets, lots of PE, more football, science experiments and school trips, to name just a few. It was great to see that many of the things the children thought would be a feature of 'the best school in the world' were already part of our Woodloes provision. The children's ideas were fantastic and this has been further developed in class discussions, assemblies and meetings with School Council to bring us to where we are now.

After discussing these ideas with staff and governors we have defined our school vision as follows:

At Woodloes, we strive for everyone to be the best version of themselves. We foster a growth mindset with resilience, perseverance and a sense of responsibility. We believe in a commitment to learning and personal development, and seek to inspire a sense of curiosity about the world around us. Our community embodies kindness, integrity and appreciation; and our children enjoy their learning empowered to be successful in a safe, happy and inclusive environment.

We have also given careful consideration to our school mission, given our current context. Ofsted last judged the school to be good with outstanding features in 2019 and everyone felt the focus should be qualitative and continuous, represented by the following statement:

To lead, innovate and continually strive for excellence.

How we strive for excellence was very much a feature in our discussions about our school values which we felt reflected our current and future direction as a school:



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P - Perseverance

R - Respect

I - Integrity

D - Diversity

E - Excellence

We are in the process of ensuring all these ideas and ambitions are reflected in our plans for the new school year and beyond and we will ensure we reflect our vision and values across every aspect of our school provision.

We are very much a team at Woodloes and as a community primary school we are committed to close partnerships with our parents and the wider community that we serve. I hope by sharing this with you that you feel this is aligned to your own vision and values and that we can continue to work together for the benefit of all our children and families.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)

