



AIMS & OBJECTIVES

“Challenge all, embrace opportunity, develop character and fulfil potential.”

At Sevenoaks Prep, we believe that every child deserves to be known, valued and inspired to become the very best version of themselves. Working in close partnership with parents, we provide an education that nurtures intellectual curiosity, builds confidence, develops character and encourages pupils to aim high in all that they do.

Our culture is founded upon kindness, effort, respect and positivity. These values are woven through every aspect of school life, shaping the way our pupils learn, grow and contribute to the world around them. Over time, they become more than school values; they become habits of thought and action that remain with our pupils long after they leave Sevenoaks Prep.

At the heart of our school is a simple but powerful belief: education is not merely about preparing children for their next school but about preparing them for a fulfilling and purposeful life. We seek to inspire a love of learning, a spirit of adventure and a sense of responsibility, helping every child to develop the confidence to seize opportunities, embrace challenge and make a positive difference to others.

The Way of Life

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 show respect for my parents, teachers and those who guide me, and respond positively to their support and expectations.

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 and be trusted, to show kindness and consideration whilst taking responsibility for my own wellbeing, 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.

Our “Way of Life” provides the foundation upon which children develop self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence. It encourages them to become thoughtful, responsible and compassionate young people who understand the importance of both personal achievement and service to others.

We nurture a growth mindset in our pupils, preparing them not simply for examinations, but for the opportunities, challenges and experiences that life will bring. We encourage resilience when things are difficult, curiosity when exploring new ideas, creativity when solving problems and the confidence to step beyond comfort zones.

A Sevenoaks Prep education embraces the whole child. Alongside academic challenge, we place enormous value on sport, music, art, design, technology, drama and the many other pursuits that help children discover their passions and talents. We believe that childhood should be filled with discovery, friendship, laughter and opportunities to create lasting memories. These experiences enrich childhood, build confidence and help every pupil find opportunities to excel.

We encourage our pupils to become independent learners whilst also developing the collaborative skills needed to contribute positively to teams, friendships and communities. In an increasingly connected world, we help children develop the judgement, responsibility and digital citizenship required to thrive safely, confidently and successfully.

Above all, we want our pupils to understand that mistakes are not something to fear. They are an essential part of learning and growing. Children flourish when they feel safe, supported and understood, and our staff are committed to providing encouragement, guidance and care at every stage of a child's journey. We take the time to listen, to know each child as an individual and to celebrate progress in all its forms.

We recognise that every child develops at their own pace and in their own way. By understanding each child as an individual, we are able to nurture their strengths, support them through challenges and help them grow in confidence. Our role is to help every pupil become the very best version of themselves. As long as a child is trying their very best, we can ask for no more.

Pupils learn to appreciate and actively demonstrate British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds.

We strive to create a community in which every child feels known, valued, respected and included, regardless of background, identity, belief or ability. We celebrate individuality whilst

fostering a strong sense of belonging, ensuring that every pupil understands that they are an important and valued member of our school family.

We place equal importance on achievement and wellbeing, recognising that happy, confident and emotionally secure children are best placed to flourish academically, socially and personally. We believe that true success is measured not only by outcomes, but also by the character, resilience and integrity developed along the way.

The safety, happiness and wellbeing of every child are central to all that we do. We aim to create an environment where children feel listened to, supported and confident in seeking help whenever it is needed.

The partnership between school and home is fundamental to a child's success. We are proud to be a community of pupils, staff, governors and parents united by a shared commitment to helping every child flourish. Parent involvement is greatly valued and plays an essential role in enriching the educational experience and personal development of our pupils.

The Sevenoaks Prep "Way of Life" is about far more than what children achieve whilst they are with us. It is about who they become and the contribution they will make beyond our school. Together with parents, we seek to nurture young people who are intellectually curious, emotionally resilient, compassionate, ambitious and grounded in strong values.

Our ambition is that every pupil leaves Sevenoaks Prep with a love of learning, confidence in their own abilities, respect for others and the courage to embrace new opportunities. If they leave us ready to lead with integrity, serve with kindness and approach the future with optimism and purpose, then we will have succeeded in our mission.

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Luke Harrison
Headmaster
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