

We have Values Bears to help our children understand each of the values:



**Honest Harry** who always tells the truth and takes responsibility for his actions. He tries to see things from other people's points of view too. Even when he speaks the truth he knows that this can be hurtful unless he remembers to be kind too.



**Dreamcatcher Aspiration** always tries hard and aims high. He knows it is important to be ready to learn. Dreamcatcher knows that anything is possible if you persevere, practise and try hard. He knows that he can get feedback from others to help him improve.



**Ruby Respect** is polite and considerate to others. She respects herself by keeping herself safe, being resilient and developing her confidence. She shows respect for others and thinks about what she will say and how she will say it.



**Kit-Kat Kindness** shows kindness through her words and actions. She is always a good friend to others. She is able to sort out problems using words, not her hands and feet.

## Our Vision and Values Explained



**Touch Primary and Nursery**  
**A Community with Learning at its**  
**Heart**

## **Our School and Nursery Vision Statement**

*“Touch School and Nursery, a community with learning at its heart: striving for excellence for all”*

### **How was our vision statement developed?**

We consulted with staff, parents and children as well as other stakeholders who are regularly part of school events, to develop the main body of our vision statement. It was very clear from this original consultation that people wanted our school to be a place where people learned, but also a place where people cared for each other and felt a bit like a family. It was also very important to people that our school and nursery had the same vision and values so that there was a continuity of experience for children, parents and staff.

Every few years we consult again to make amendments to our vision statement so that it is always up to date and meaningful. Our last consultation added ‘striving for excellence for all.’ It is likely that this will be the phrase which will change next time we update our vision statement.

### **What does the vision statement mean?**

We chose the word community to reflect both the school’s place as part of our local community and to underline the fact that we are all one team / family / community working together.

We used the phrase ‘learning at its heart’ to show that learning is central to our purpose, with the word heart being used to also represent the care side of what we do.

### **Our Values**

We have 4 core values: Honesty, Aspiration, Respect and Kindness. The initial letters of these values spell out HARK – this helps us remember our values and helps us to remember how important listening is! Again these were decided after consultation with staff and through a ‘homework consultation’ which parents and their children completed together. Children in school have taken part in many activities to help them engage with the values and we are now also including our nursery children in values based activities, such as our kindness tree.

We talk about our values a lot! But we also make sure we live these values through our actions too. It is important our children see these values in action and we point out to them when we see them keeping our values too.