

# Kirkshaws Primary School & Nursery Class - Curriculum Rationale

We are proud to live by our **Motto: BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SUCCEED**. These words are displayed throughout our school and influence everyone's approach to daily challenges. After consultation with all stakeholders, our entire school community agreed on five core **Values** that all learning and relationships should be based upon: **RESPECT; FRIENDSHIP; TRUST; HONESTY** and **RESILIENCE**.

Our **Vision** is that Kirkshaws remains a safe, caring and relaxed environment, where everyone is encouraged and supported to reach their full potential. We inspire children to **LEARN** in an engaging way through: Leadership, Enjoyment, Achievement, Respect and Nurture.

We are committed to **Getting It Right For Every Child**, providing the right level of support at the right time from the right people. In line with the Scottish Government's national approach, we support our learners, along with their parents and carers, to work in partnership with appropriate services to ensure our children are **SAFE, HEALTHY, ACHIEVING, NURTURED, ACTIVE, RESPECTED, RESPONSIBLE** and **INCLUDED**.

We promote active learning, based on **A Curriculum for Excellence**, which is designed using the principles of: **Challenge & Enjoyment; Breadth; Progression; Depth; Personalisation & Choice; Coherence** and **Relevance**. We provide opportunities for **Leadership of Learning** at all levels of our organisation and we promote **Skills for Learning, Life and Work** from the earliest stages.

We are a community of learners who work in **Partnership** with each other. Parents, staff, local schools, members of the local community and other agencies are all committed to work together for the benefit of our pupils. As a school, we serve the local community, always looking for opportunities to do good.

## What our pupils say:

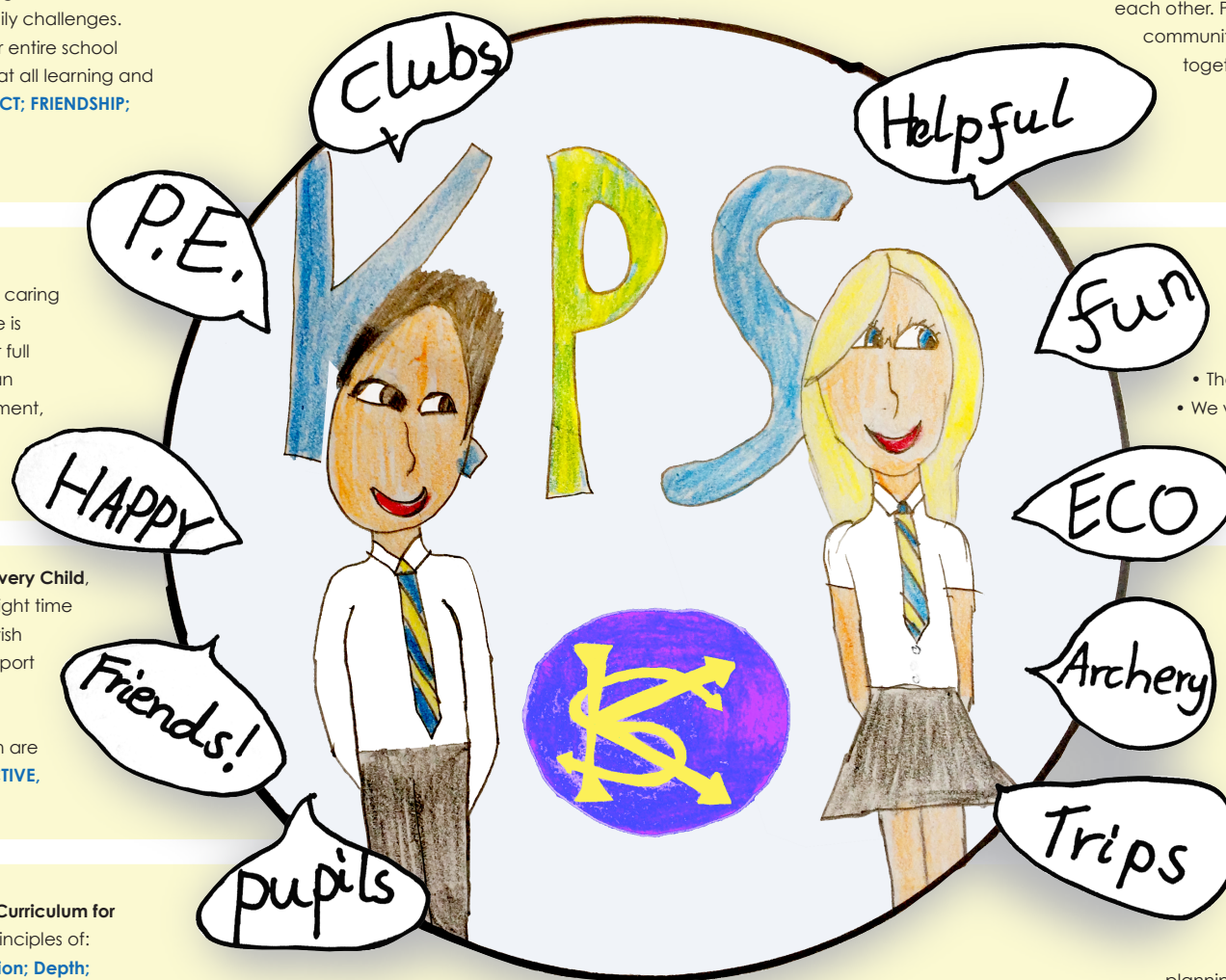
- We are Kirkshaws. We never give up!
- We look after each other.
- We are respectful, valued and great learners.
- The teachers are really nice. We are all loved here.
- We want our school to be welcoming with no bullies.
- We want to see happiness in every class and smiles on all faces.

## What our parents say:

- The community spirit, fabulous children and committed staff make Kirkshaws unique.
  - It is a very welcoming environment.
- We want our school to be safe and secure, with everyone happy, respected and supported as they grow.
- We want to be involved in school-life through meetings, but also by knowing how to support our children when needed.

## What our staff say:

Kirkshaws staff know their pupils. The holistic development of learners is at the centre of all planning, teaching and assessment. Through formative assessment and taking time to listen to learners and their families, we are always looking to identify barriers to learning and address them accordingly. We have an experienced staff who are committed to this community; staff who work at Kirkshaws want to stay at Kirkshaws.



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