



Our School Ethos, Vision and Values

At Ouston Primary School we strive to create a happy and successful school where everyone is valued, respected and encouraged to achieve their very best. We realise that all children have unique and special qualities and we work in partnership with members of our school community to provide the very best education for our children.

Our school motto is '**Trying our best and achieving success**' and we encourage our pupils to work towards this in all aspects of school life. Teaching pupils about valuing and respecting others and taking responsibility for their actions are also a major part of our school ethos. By the time our pupils leave us and go on to secondary school we work to ensure that they are confident, enthusiastic young people who know the value of hard work, are able to achieve success both academically and in extra-curricular areas, enjoy learning and are polite, friendly and respectful towards others.

We will achieve this by:

Having high expectations for all

Providing a safe, secure and caring environment in which pupils behave well and respect each other and our staff.

Providing a broad, balanced and creative curriculum with quality teaching and learning in a rich, stimulating environment, and including a range of extra-curricular experiences.

Creating a friendly, caring and supportive ethos in which all members of the school community are valued, consulted and can achieve success.

Providing a high quality learning environment, resources and equipment.

Inspiring and motivating children.

Celebrating success and rewarding positive behavior and achievements

Helping children to develop lively and enquiring minds, and to be able to communicate effectively.

Equipping children with attitudes, skills and knowledge to learn independently.

Personalising the curriculum for our children and school, tracking children's progress effectively and providing intervention for children who need additional support.

Providing opportunities for children to look beyond their own community and experiences and gain knowledge and understanding of the wider world.

Promoting attitudes and values that challenge any discriminatory behaviour or prejudice

Providing opportunities within the curriculum and in extra-curricular activities to care for the environment from both a local and global dimension.

Ensuring that children are well supported during periods of transition in their school life.

Giving children responsibilities throughout their time at school

Helping children to understand the value of a healthy lifestyle and providing opportunities to maintain or improve their health

Working in partnership with parents/carers and providing support for children and their families where needed.



WE ARE A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Our school has recently achieved the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award, an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK and we are now working towards the Gold Award. This work supports us in our aim to have children's rights at the heart of our ethos and culture, ensuring that our school is a happy, kind, caring and respectful environment where children can achieve success in all aspects of school life.