



“Live and learn together.”

Our Values are at the HEART of our school

- HAPPINESS** We value the happiness of all those who play a part in our school community.
- This includes visitors, staff, parents and most of all the children, whose wellbeing and happiness are our first priorities. We know that healthy minds and healthy bodies are both important for happiness. We also know that children cannot learn unless they feel safe and well; they learn best when they are happily engaged in activities.
- EXCELLENCE** drives our choices, our effort and our vision.
- We want to provide the very best for the children and we have high expectations of them, just as we encourage them to expect a lot of themselves and each other. Each Pensford child will be supported and challenged to achieve their personal best in their time with us. Our school will look and feel excellent to visitors, staff, parents and pupils.
- AMBITION** gives purpose to the work of our school.
- We are ambitious for our children and encourage them to be ambitious for themselves. We therefore provide a window on the wider world for them and facilitate their exploration of our beautiful locality and beyond. We will help children to develop their creative, artistic, scientific, physical, technological and other talents to their full potential. We are ambitious for the staff here at Pensford too, and support their development at every level. As a school, our ambition right now is to be judged 'outstanding' by all parts of our community.
- RESPECT** for each other allows us to work together happily.
- It means that in our honesty we will be tactful, in our search for excellence we will be patient and that we will support each other's ambitions. We respect the views of all members of our school community and their independence of thought. We respect our school rules and these values.
- TOGETHERNESS** demonstrates that we understand how we are stronger together.
- It also shows how we can help each other to be resilient as individuals. We can get more done, to a higher degree of accuracy and quality, by working as a team. We enjoy working together and value the time we spend in each other's company as part of our school life. We value work with other schools, however this is structured. We are more than the sum of our parts.
- Independence** supports our children both now and in the next stage of their education.
- We help our children to develop independence at all stages of their journey through Pensford primary. We give opportunities for children to make their own decisions and to take advantage of opportunities to develop leadership skills. Homework is supported by parents by facilitating children to choose independently to work hard at, and contribute to, their own independence. Independence of thought is encouraged and respected.