



WHERE INDIVIDUALS THRIVE

Ethos and Approach - including 'Our School' statement written by pupils

We aim to develop children as happy, confident individuals who embrace the opportunities and meet the challenges that life offers. We teach pupils to follow our school and class charters - taking responsibility for their own actions and to expect the same standards from others.

We know that children need to be safe, healthy and secure before they can enjoy their time at school and so achieve their best.

We work to develop personal characteristics in our learners that will enable them to achieve well, focusing on independence, reflection and co-operation through our work on the 'Sopley Learner'.

We provide a stimulating and relevant curriculum which inspires a passion for learning, curiosity and creativity. There is a strong focus on core skills - especially reading, writing and maths. We use practical tasks, problem-solving challenges, enrichment activities and educational visits to give children a context in which to develop and apply their learning.

We develop an open and responsive partnership with parents. We prepare children for living in a diverse, democratic society and promote tolerance within our caring and inclusive community.

Our ethos and approach is also reflected in the kind of school our pupils want for themselves. Pupils worked together to write the vision statement shown below.

OUR SCHOOL -written by Sopley School Council, using ideas from all the children.

We want our school to be the kind of school that everyone enjoys coming to. It should be like a big family, where everyone knows and understands each other. We want it to be a cheerful place, where we look after people.

We want it to be a safe place where children can be trusted to be sensible, because everyone follows the class charters and the rules for a Happy School. We want

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everyone to be honest, have good manners and to treat people and possessions with respect.

We want to be proud of our work and try our best every day, so we do well with our learning. We will keep going when things are challenging and listen carefully to each other. We want to find out interesting and useful things about the world.

If everyone can do this we will remember the great time we had at Sopley, with our friends, for the rest of our lives.