

# SMSC & our shared values

Teaching children core values is central to our curriculum and provision. Our core values drive our *shared purpose* within a *culture* of autism and excellence so that all staff, children and our academy community live these daily, as *real values* to achieve our *mission*:

*To enable all pupils to achieve, access, participate and contribute to their community for life'*

**Kindness**  
**Respect**

**Inclusivity**  
**Openness**

**Resilience**  
**Understanding**  
**Empathy**

Above are the founding principles that inform our values-based curriculum and culture of excellence.

We strive to treat each other with **respect**, communicating with **openness** and **kindness** to our friends, family and community. We trust others to do the same.

At Medeshamstede Academy, we demonstrate our **understanding** of autism as a difference rather than a deficit. We develop **resilience** in our pupils to overcome barriers, participate in and contribute to their community and the world we live in.

Through our Universal Skills Builder Partnership, our focus this term is to build upon the essential skills of **positivity** and **communication**, enabling our pupils to have a voice and share their views.

We provide our children with opportunities to develop the skills of leadership and teamwork through their work and play, in demonstrating **empathy** and **understanding** for healthy relationships with others. We understand that one of the greatest gifts we can share is friendship.

Together we thrive, demonstrating **resilience** in the face of adversity and challenge. Within our firm value of **inclusivity**, we believe our children can achieve anything they set their hearts on. We can build a community where every moment is an opportunity to do our best and achieve our goals and outcomes.

At Medeshamstede Academy, each one of us, every day, in every way, seek to live by these values, and to help others to do so too.