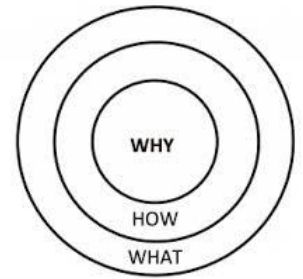


# Our Shared Purpose

## Academy Mission, Vision, Values & Autism Strategy



### **Why? Because Autism matters!**

**We are ambitious for a culture of neurodiversity, enabling our pupils to lead remarkable lives:**

- We believe in challenging the status quo and thinking differently by seeing the world through the lens of autism.
- We have a shared purpose *'to enable all children to achieve, participate and contribute to their community for life'*.

### **How we do this is by empowering individuals to overcome barriers:**

- By our blended, research-based autism strategy, encompassing a shared language and effective daily 'Good Autism Practice'.
- By a holistic and academic quality-first curriculum, underpinned by pedagogy that enables communication and interaction, social thinking and builds skills for personal development, well-being, self-regulation and independence.
- By a person-centred approach, collaborating with all stakeholders and other agencies to fully meet the needs of individuals through their Education, Health and Care Plans.
- By high aspirations; giving pupils a voice, social value and a proud sense of belonging to their community.

### **What we achieve is an inclusive learning community that fully meets the needs of all learners because:**

- Provision and outcomes of Education, Health and Care Plans are fully achieved, along with life skills to be as independent as possible, preparing learners well for their next steps in education, adulthood for employment.
- We live daily real values of *kindness, respect, resilience, empathy, understanding, inclusivity and openness*.
- We evolve a culture of neurodiversity, life-long love of learning and excellence for the pupils we serve.

(Through our partnership with Autism Education Trust, Medeshamstede Learning Centre delivers training to other settings, school leaders and professionals across the City of Peterborough).