

## Aims & Ethos of the School

### **KIRKSTONE HOUSE SCHOOL – ‘where the individual counts’**

Kirkstone House prides itself on being a caring and friendly school, where a willingness to learn and a desire to succeed are enthusiastically promoted.

We aim:

- to provide an educational environment which enables each pupil to reach their academic and personal potential. This is a school ‘where the individual counts’. Our educational framework nurtures individual self-identity enabling each pupil to achieve the highest possible standards in all areas;
- to provide a supportive pastoral environment which meets individual needs and promotes the development of happy, considerate pupils who have good self-esteem and who care for others;
- to ensure that the school operates in the spirit of inclusivity at all times and to maintain equal opportunities for all.
- to adopt a ‘whole child approach to education at all times’.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

### School Values

- Endeavour: pupils are encouraged to try their best and to challenge themselves out of their comfort zone within a supportive environment.
- Breadth and Balance: pupils are involved and engaged in a wide range of learning experiences both within and beyond the classroom.
- Valuing each other: pupils understand that everyone has a part to play in the school community and that education is not a race. Individuals are different and will be valued as such. Everyone’s school and educational journeys are different.
- Independence: pupils are encouraged to gain the skills needed for life-long learning and for personal success.

