



*Our Best Preparation for Tomorrow
Is Doing Our Best Today*

Westbrook Old Hall

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Electronic Devices/Mobile Phone Policy

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SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that the best preparation for tomorrow's future is striving to do our best today.

We believe that because **our children matter**, they have the right to be safe and healthy, happy and confident, recognised for the individuals they are and for those they might become.

We believe that because **our children's achievement matters**, they have the right to an excellent learning environment that promotes high expectations, ensures inclusion, recognises diversity and promotes progress and attainment.

We believe that because **our children's future matters**, they have the right to lead, the right to follow, the right to take best advantage of present and future technology and the right to a global life free from threat.

Aims (Outcomes)

Our school aims that all children:

- Are tolerant and responsible
- Are happy and confident
- Are safe and healthy
- Are skilled and willing
- Are eco aware
- Are techno 'cute'
- Are leaders and partners
- Are flexible
- Are given every opportunity to attain and progress
- Are mindful of the joy of diversity
- Are focused on being excellent in all they do
- Are expected always to do their best

SCHOOL AIMS

Our **children** matter, as does their **achievement** and so too does their **future**.

Because our children matter, we will work to:

- Ensure they are safe and ensure that they can keep themselves and others safe too
- Make sure that school life is happy, enjoyable and rewarding - taking each and every opportunity to build confident, positive citizens of the future
- Develop individuals with a sense of responsibility to themselves and to their community, able to respond positively to different views and beliefs

Because our children's achievement matters, we will work to:

- Release and develop the excellence latent in all our children
- Ensure high expectations in all we do, developing a culture that remains positive about the steps to success and able to celebrate success accordingly
- Provide an inclusive learning framework where individual needs are recognised and catered for, where diversity is celebrated for what it offers our school community
- Ensure that all children make good progress leading to attainment appropriate to potential
- Develop learners with a love of learning and a commitment to future learning in life

Because our children's futures matter, we will work to:

- Develop their ability to release the opportunities provided by technologies present and future
- Develop their awareness of their footprint upon this 'one' world and how they can contribute to its sustainability
- Develop a skills base and a solution-focused attitude that can be applied to effect in a variety of circumstances now and in the future
- Develop an ability to lead others and to be led by others in productive working partnerships

EQUALITY STATEMENT

Equal Opportunities is the responsibility of the whole school community and must be reflected throughout the organisation of the school and be addressed in the taught and hidden curriculum.

All staff, governors, parents/guardians and pupils will be involved in developing, implementing and monitoring the equal opportunities policy and practice.

All staff, governors, parents/guardians and pupils regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation and socio-economic background, are welcome and will be encouraged to participate in the life of the school.

The school recognises its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination and to promote good race relations.

BRITISH VALUES

The government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. At Westbrook Old Hall we regularly reinforce the following values through an agreed programme: Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs.

Electronic Devices/Mobile Phone Policy

- iPods and other personal electronic devices from home are not allowed in school (see Mobile Phones below).
- Westbrook Old Hall does not encourage pupils to bring mobile phones to school.
- If a Year 6 pupil needs to bring a mobile telephone to school, a request in writing needs to be made to the Head-teacher - only Year 6 pupils may make such a request.
- If any other pupil needs to bring a mobile telephone to school for one day in an emergency, parents need to seek verbal permission from the Head-teacher or Deputy Head-teacher
- The phone must be clearly labelled with the child's name, switched off and given in to the class teacher on arrival at school. The phone will then be transported to the office and stored.
- The phone will be returned to the class teacher at the end of the day and given back to the child.
- The phone must be concealed whilst leaving the school premises.
- Where a pupil is found with a mobile phone/electronic device in school, including the playground, the pupil will be asked to switch it off and the pupil will take it to the office. Parents will be contacted to collect the mobile phone/electronic device.
- If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage of pupils or teachers with a mobile phone/electronic device from home, this will be regarded as a serious offence and the Head-teacher will decide on appropriate disciplinary action. In certain circumstances, the pupil may be referred to the Police. If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by an appropriate person.
- Parents are advised that Westbrook Old Hall accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school.
- If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/guardians, contact will be made via the office. If parents need to contact children urgently, they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed.