



Monday 24th March 2025

Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Risedale's New Vision & Values

Before Christmas, I began conducting a review of the school's vision and values alongside Governors. Setting a clear vision and values (and sometimes revisiting these) is important so that a school has direction and so that everyone in it is clear about our moral purpose. A school's vision and values should be threaded through everything it does - they unify the community and support aspiration. Our vision and values tell everyone who comes into our school what we are about and what we value, and engender positive behaviour.

However, a school's vision and values do not come just from its Headteacher - all stakeholders should be consulted so that they belong to us all.

Taking everyone's feedback

You may recall that I asked you to respond to a survey which allowed you to communicate your feelings about the school's strengths, barriers to learning your child may have faced, our previous mission and aims, what you wanted your child to experience at school and what you believed our values should be. I also consulted pupils and staff on these. Following a period of reflection on the feedback gathered and discussions with the Senior Leadership Team and Governors, I am pleased to share with you **our school's new vision and values**, launched to pupils a couple of weeks ago.

OUR VISION

Our aspiration is that every pupil and staff member is supported to be the **BEST** version of themselves.

Members of our Risedale family will feel a strong sense of belonging and accomplishment as a direct result of attending our school. They will accumulate knowledge, cultural capital and social skills, such as empathy and kindness, enabling them to thrive in society and enjoy healthy **RELATIONSHIPS**. All our pupils will make good progress from their starting points.

At whatever stage of their education Risedale pupils leave us, they will be well-equipped to take the next steps on their journey to becoming a **RESPONSIBLE**, **RESPECTFUL** and **RESILIENT** citizen who can embrace change and learn from mistakes.





RISEDALE
A family of learners

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OUR VALUES

The four values chosen capture the most popular choices of values from across the feedback given and we believe that these help everyone in the school community to be the **BEST** version of themselves: **Responsibility**, **Respect**, **Resilience** and **Relationships**. As you can see below, we can find the **BEST** of ourselves when we enact these. They are also easy for us all to remember, as they all begin with the letter 'R', like 'Risedale'.

What makes the BEST version of us?

RESPONSIB**I**LITY

RESPE**C**T

RES**I**LIENCE

RELAT**I**ONSHIPS



I hope you agree that our new vision and values represent everyone's views well and will help us all to be the **BEST version of ourselves**. They will incrementally be threaded through everything we do from this point.

Yours sincerely,

Greenwood.

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

