



What do our values mean to us?

Across our curriculum, throughout many facets of our school day, we promote the **mental strength** of our children so that they approach any and all tasks with *positivity* and the *right mindset* – the *mindset of 'yet'*. We can't do it yet. Children at Mere Green understand that with *perseverance, hard work* and the ability to *problem solve* they will achieve their goals. *Failure* is accepted as part of the learning journey and so children are encouraged to *take risks, believe in themselves* and *value their endeavours*. When children face set backs, we develop their **mental strength** further by helping them *address these conflicting emotions* and *self regulate* and remind children that failure and forgetting is a process of learning.

Whether in the community, across the whole school, out on the playground or in class, we prioritise the value of **contribute**. We actively develop children's ability to *collaborate* with their peers, *actively participating* and *communicating* to achieve different purposes. Across school, we create and nurture safe environments, so that all children feel able to vocalise their ideas, and know that their contributions are *valued* and encouraged. Furthermore, with respect at the heart of what we do, children are taught to support and scaffold other learners in all aspects of Mere Green life. Learning is a team effort. Importantly, for our children to become *active citizens for the future* and **contribute** to an ever changing world, we encourage them to take *pride* in themselves, *value* their work, contributions and differences so that they can be a force of change as they embark on their next stage of education.

'Making a difference' lies at the heart of what we do at Mere Green. We want to 'Make a difference' to each and every child who walks through our doors and ensure, in turn, that our children will 'Make a difference' in the future. Children learn to *value* their *interest* and *talents* and set *individual goals* to ensure that they **thrive** in their learning, always *seeking* and *wanting to do better*. Our focus is to ensure learning opportunities are challenging and engaging, leaving our children *curious* and with a *thirst for knowledge*. *All children must thrive*. By creating *safe* and *nurturing environments* and developing *strong relationships* with our children and parents, we ensure that children can be the best that they can be.