

Mission Statement:

'Feeling proud and confident about our learning.'
Swanmead Community School aims to promote spiritual, social, creative, physical and academic opportunity for high achievement, excellent progress and lifelong learning.

Values

As a learning community we demonstrate our commitment to working together by:

- respecting and valuing ourselves and others
- ensuring that everything we do is done to make a difference
- supporting and encouraging one another
- reflecting on our work and feeling good about it

The Learners

We will work with pupils to develop:

Successful learners who:

- have the essential learning skills for life
- display curiosity and are creative, resourceful and able to solve problems
- communicate well in a variety of ways
- understand how they learn and learn from their mistakes
- are able to learn independently and with others
- know about big ideas and events that shape the world
- enjoy learning and are motivated to achieve
- are flexible learners who are able to cope with change.

Confident individuals who:

- have a sense of self-worth and believe in themselves
- relate well to others
- are self-aware and deal well with their emotions
- have values and beliefs that are in keeping with the school values
- are able to take the initiative and organise their own learning
- make healthy lifestyle choices
- are, within their personal circumstance, physically competent and confident
- take managed risks and stay safe
- recognise and celebrate their talents and have ambitions
- are willing to try new things and make the most of opportunities
- are open to the excitement and inspiration offered by the natural world and human achievements.

Responsible citizens who:

- are enterprising and well prepared for life and work
- respect others and act with integrity
- appreciate different cultures and traditions and understand their place in the world
- challenge injustice, are committed to human rights and strive to live peaceably with others
- respect and actively strive to maintain and improve the local environment and feel that they can change things for the better, nationally and globally

School Vision

By 2020, Swanmead Community School will be;

An Outstanding School with

- effective teaching and learning that meets the needs of all learners and raises attainment
- teaching that is consistently judged as outstanding
- all pupils in all subjects making outstanding progress
- an ethos that creates unlimited opportunities and experiences for young people and makes them feel safe

An institution that develops, nurtures and produces high quality working professionals with

- unrivalled professional development systems for all staff
- outstanding classroom practitioners
- dynamic subject leaders
- future whole school leaders and Headteachers
- multi skilled, highly qualified administrative staff and learning supporters

A school uniquely committed to developing and improving self esteem and child self concept through

- residential trips and community projects
- developing opportunities for young people to lead
- endless reward systems
- developing dance/drama facilities that are able to foster involvement in performance, shows and concerts
- being an emotionally healthy school

A School with integral links to the Ilminster Community by

- having shared buildings and resources with community groups
- creating community opportunities for staff, local residents and young people
- having a vital involvement with adult education
- creating job opportunities, careers and work experience for local people
- being a local hub for health care, medical provision and advice