



KINGSHILL CHURCH SCHOOL

THE BIG PLAN

**Learning, Community and
Friendship**

A Short Guide for Parents



Learning



Really great learning is at the heart of what we do here at Kingshill Church School and we call this 'Learning Without Limits'. This means that **Everybody** is committed to **working together** to challenge ourselves with all that we do. The rainbow is our symbol for this, it means wonder, excitement and hope.

The children are keen to learn, they love being challenged and know that hard work and effort, along with lots of practice of skills they have been taught, will help them to improve their capabilities in learning **new** skills and knowledge.

Community



To help us build a learning community we use our 7Rs, which remind us about tools we all have within us to support and develop our learning behaviours. These important qualities are: Reflectiveness, Resourcefulness, Reliability, Risk-Taking, Responsibility, Respectfulness and Resilience. The bee is our symbol for this- what do we need to 'bee' like to learn well?

Friendship



We care about each other and about the world.

We use the symbol of the cross to show that our Christian Values underpin all we do:

Wisdom, Humility, Friendship, Peace, Reverence, Compassion, Justice, Forgiveness,
Fellowship, Trust, Thankfulness, Hope, Creation, Service, Endurance.

We live by the British Values of: Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

We need you as parents to **help and support us** in this. Studies show that when parents engage and get involved with their child's learning it **really** helps! Children love it when their parents show a real interest in what they do at school.

So how can you help? Here are some ideas...

- Talk to your child about what they are **learning** at school. When he/she comes home, rather than ask 'Did you have a good day?' or 'What did you do at school today?' Try asking 'What did you learn today?' 'What was challenging today?' 'What was exciting today?' This will lead to a good conversation.
- Take a real **interest** in their home learning - do it with them, not for them - no matter how much they may moan! Set up a times tables challenge for them, play games with their spelling words, encourage them to be creative when they have a project to do. Agree that it is hard work - but that's OK!
- Encourage your child to **read!** In this age of technology that's hard, but reading is so important. Children who don't read find it very hard to write well.
- Help your child to see that **making mistakes is good!** We learn from our mistakes and it's OK to find things tricky - that's how our brains grow.
- Talk about the 7Rs- point out where your child needs to be resilient, praise them for being resourceful or taking a risk.
- **Learn something new** yourself! Show your child that you too can learn and that you too are willing to work hard and practice. Maybe start a new sport, a new hobby. If you can do it with your child then even better! Maybe put a rainbow picture up at home as a reminder to the whole family that Learning Without Limits is for home too!

