

Vision

We are a mixed, all ability, and non-faith school. Our focus is our local community but our outlook is global. We affirm what we have in common just as much as we celebrate what makes us different.

We believe that education is an intrinsic good that should be enjoyed by all. As educators we will play our part in forming citizens who have a moral compass and understand and accept their responsibility for the well being of others.

At the same time, as a publicly funded educational institution, we have a responsibility to create public value and to succeed to the best of our abilities against those measures by which we are held accountable. We accept this responsibility

School is an important step on the road to learning but it is not the only one. There are some things that we must all learn now and much else that we will need to learn in the future. We all learn from our families, our communities, our employers and our peers. To this end we must teach our students not just what they need to know now but also to become independent learners who understand how to learn – people who, when they leave us, can travel the road to education by themselves.

We know that people learn in different ways but that for all of us learning is a social process. We will use new technologies to accommodate this reality. We will create a culture at Stratford School founded on finding answers to two questions: What do we currently know about how we all learn and how can we implement our understanding within our school? And: What isn't working and how can we make it better?

We will do everything we can with the resources at our disposal to provide each pupil in our school with a personal education that is enjoyable, that leads to appropriate qualifications and that lays the foundation for further learning.

The world in which we live is changing fast, education is no different. We must therefore create open and flexible structures, both human and physical, that can quickly respond to change.

But we must not lose sight of the students at the heart of our school; we must see the education of each and every one of them in the round and ensure it is conducted in a human scale environment.

No student should be anonymous at Stratford School Academy.