

THE AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

At Maryland School our main aim is to help each child achieve to their full potential. To do this we aim to:

- Make the school a safe, happy, stimulating and attractive place to be in.
- Encourage good learning habits so that children acquire knowledge and skills appropriate to their personal development.
- Provide a broad, creative and balanced multi-cultural curriculum that will cater for and stimulate children from all backgrounds and with differing needs.
- To provide cross-curricular activities and memorable experiences to develop our children socially, emotionally and intellectually.
- To foster resilience and independence in our children, so that they become ambitious and make a positive contribution to society.
- Encourage good personal relations based upon courtesy, good manners and consideration, respect and understanding for others.
- Build positive relationships with parents and the community in order to achieve the best for our children.
- Develop an understanding of the world in which they live and of the interdependence of individual groups and nations.
- Use ICT and e-learning to enhance teaching and learning.
- Promote healthy life choices.
- Provide quality services that extend beyond the school day to support working parents.

Working with parents

We aim to make parents and carers of our pupils welcome and encourage them to have a genuine involvement in the life of the school. The school contributes to the life of the local community and works with it to enrich the lives of its students.

Parents evenings are arranged when parents can come in to see the children's work and talk to the teacher about their child's progress.

The Headteacher and staff are always willing to discuss any matters concerning your child at a convenient time. Please call in to make an appointment.

Parents who speak only a little English or none at all are advised to bring along a friend/relation to translate for them.

Concerts, special assemblies, fêtes, bazaars, book fairs, theme days and other social events are also organised. We hope you will make every effort to take part in the school activities.

Our popular newsletter is sent home monthly to keep you up to date with what is happening in the school and it has a useful list of forthcoming events.

Our website and the MLE (Managed Learning Environment) is parent- and child-friendly and can be used to email the school as well.

We encourage parents to become involved in their child's school experience through our parents' association, **FRIENDS OF MARYLAND**, who meet once each term to fundraise and plan enjoyable events such as discos, the bi-annual fête, bake 'n' take events etc.

We also ask for parent escorts/volunteers to accompany school trips.