

## THE AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

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

- Make the school a calm, 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 based on British Values 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's social, emotional, intellectual, spiritual and cultural education.
- To foster resilience and independence in our children, so that they become ambitious and make a positive contribution to society.
- Encourage good personal relationships based upon courtesy, kindness, good manners and consideration, respect and understanding for others.
- Build positive relationships with parents, carers and the community in order to achieve the best for our children.
- Develop the children's understanding of the world in which they live and of the interdependence of individual groups and nations.
- Use technology and e-learning to enhance teaching and learning.

When children leave us they say that we have taught them:

- To have aspirations and ambition.
- To be proud of themselves and their achievements.
- To learn about the wider curriculum and to discover the world.
- To care for others in a disciplined, encouraging and calm environment
- To become confident, independent and responsible members of the community
- How to enjoy learning and have fun everyday.
- 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 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 for parents to come in to see the children's work and talk to the teacher about their child's progress.

The Headteacher, senior leaders and staff are always willing to discuss any matters concerning your child at a convenient time. Please call in to make an appointment. We aim to make an appointment for you within 24 hours. If you wish to email a member of staff, please use this address: [info@maryland.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@maryland.newham.sch.uk)

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, book fairs, family picnics, discos, cultural evening, 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; it has a useful list of forthcoming events.

Our website is parent- and child-friendly and is full of useful information. Please check us out on [www.maryland.newham.sch.uk](http://www.maryland.newham.sch.uk) We also share regular updates via our Twitter account @Maryland Primary.

We encourage parents to become involved in their child's school experience through our parents' association, **MARYLAND UNITED**, that meets 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.