

# Welcome

When taking over the role of Head Teacher at Heather Garth in February 2017 I had a vision for the children and the school. I felt really strongly about encouraging every child to have a dream and for that; I tell the children, “*dream it; be it*, and with hard work and determination they can be anything they want to be”. I never want a child to spend the rest of their life saying, “*If only*” or, “*I wish I had tried*”. I believe that every child has a right to reach or exceed their potential in every aspect of their development. Fortunately, here at Heather Garth, we have a team of committed staff and Governors who share the same vision.

It is no secret that a good education is and always will be very important in building a strong foundation in life. *Education has the power to change a life and plays a vital role in shaping tomorrows' leaders*. Further details of how we aim to achieve this are detailed on the next page.

We value our open, friendly environment where you and your family feel welcome and supported. We hope that you will support the events we hold in school throughout the school year, so we become a school that works together in close partnership, for your child. A school that continues to be the “*heart of the community*” (Ofsted, 2015), and continues to work hard to “*develop links*” with the community (Ofsted, 2019). *We aspire to be a place where everyone is proud of and others want to know more about*.

I, the Governors and staff are a committed and enthusiastic team who work tirelessly to improve the education your child is offered. *We want their time at Heather Garth to be happy and exciting, where they feel safe and their opinions valued*. This website gives an introduction into the education and experiences we offer. It does not give a full picture, but we hope that it will give you an insight into our work, our values and our aims for your child whilst they attend Heather Garth.

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