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Developing our values at Old Town Infant School and Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may recall that during my final letter of the 2022/23 academic year, I briefly touched on the school improvement priorities for this coming year? One of these priorities focused on introducing and embedding our Old Town Vision and Values across the school and within our curriculum.

Last year we started our journey on developing our 'Old Town Infant School and Nursery Values'. All stakeholders were consulted and we worked hard to analyse feedback and drill down to agree on just four core values. These were decided as: **Independence, Respect, Resilience and Curiosity.**

This year the focus is on clearly defining each of these values and articulating the associated behaviours that we wish to see for each, both in school and at home. It is essential that consistent expectations for each value are understood by all members of our school community, whilst trying to keep these as child friendly as possible –after all, we are an infant school.

This piece of work will take time and will not be achieved overnight. Over the course of the year I will write to you again, because it is important that as our partners you also let us know where your children are demonstrating the school values at home or away from the school setting. *This is a piece of work that I will be asking the Parent Focus Group to assist me with.*

Earlier this week I introduced our 4 'Value Characters' to the children – they have may mentioned these to you already? Please meet these characters overleaf, along with the foundation definitions that we will continue to build upon this year.

This is an exciting journey for us here at Old Town and I look forward to leading this project with Mrs Cameron across the coming year.

With best wishes,

Doug

Doug Gubbins
Headteacher