

Low Ash Primary School



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Information for parents/carers

What is Investors in Pupils?

Investors in Pupils helps children to learn about their school, to find out about the jobs of everyone in it and to understand that the school has a budget. It supports them in setting targets for the class and for themselves, learning how **they** can make a difference whilst recognising the importance of the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in their education.

Investors in Pupils helps children to develop knowledge, skills and understanding so that they learn to take increasing responsibility for their class, school and community, with a growing awareness of active citizenship. The approach recognises the importance of the pupil voice and pupil participation.

The five areas of focus for Investors in Pupils are learning, behaviour, induction, attendance and classroom management.

Mission statement

Each class has its own mission statement which is agreed at the start of the school year. This includes a statement of intent linked to each of the five areas. All members of the class sign up to the mission statement and it is displayed in a prominent place.

Class and individual targets

Children agree the focus for their class target and set their own targets, again drawn from one of the five areas. These targets are displayed in class and reviewed regularly. Rewards for achieving class targets are discussed and agreed, and subsequently celebrated when they have been achieved.

Induction

Each class produces an induction book which gives details of the class to help new pupils, staff or visitors. The induction book is sent home with new children to help their families find out more about their child's class.

Roles in school

During the year, children have opportunities to find out more about the roles played by different adults in school. Takeover week takes place each year. Children apply for posts in school and shadow staff for a week to gain real experience of working in school. Special assemblies are organised for children to find out about certain roles, particularly the role of business manager and the role of governors at the school.

Jobs and responsibilities

Children take responsibility for jobs in their class and around school. Older children take on additional responsibilities, such as sports leaders, reading buddies, prefects, house captains and producing the school newsletter. The school council includes representatives from each class and it makes decisions about aspects such as fundraising and events in school.

Finance

To help children become more financially aware, this year each class will be given a budget. Any breakages or class expenses will be deducted and the amount left will be displayed in each class. Any money left can be spent at the end of the year. What it is spent on will be agreed by the children in each class.

For more information about the award go to www.investorsinpupils.co.uk