The Essence of our Cadland Primary Curriculum

On first priority at all times is to ensure that children's basic skills in English and Maths are developed effectively so that children can access all the learning opportunities provided to them. This is particularly important for our school because of the low percentage of the community that are educated to a high level and because of the low starting points of many of our children when they join the school.

Whilst we have ensured that we fulfil our statutory responsibilities when designing our curriculum, we also wanted to make sure our curriculum matched the needs of our children and community. Therefore, we have given emphasis to the following criteria:

- **The 2 parts of our vision statement**, by providing:
    - Plenty of opportunities for children to learn how to work collaboratively 'Striving together'
    - Learning opportunities that focus not just on subject matter but on developing STAR learner skills, so they become lifelong learners
- **Our School Values**, which in the context of curriculum design mean providing children with opportunities to:

Passion
- Explore lines of research that inspire them as individuals
- Raise their own aspirations and become passionate about their own goals and what the local area and the wider world can offer them (e.g guest speakers/ trips)
- Develop interests for life (e.g. sport, gardening, cooking, music)

Commitment
- Plan and organise ways of helping others in the community
- Support the learning of others within the school
- Apply their basic skills to a high standard in the context of other subjects so they can show their commitment to doing their best

Respect
- Understand that people have many different points of views and beliefs
- Practise tolerance & empathy
- Understand that disagreement is acceptable but this must be carried out with respect

Honesty
- Have a clear understanding of the learning journey they are on
- Have constructive feedback in order to improve
- Provide constructive feedback to others

Courage
- Try out their ideas even if they may fail
- Share their mistakes with others and view them as learning opportunities
- Share their opinions and challenge each other's thinking