A Guide to the Ludham KIND Curriculum

Growing Independence, Responsibility and Citizenship

At Ludham, We Want Children to Leave Ready for Life

Of course, we want every child to leave us able to read, write and achieve academically.

However, we also want them to leave as:

- Responsible young people
- Safe decision-makers
- Kind and respectful citizens
- Confident leaders
- Members of their community who make a positive difference

To help achieve this, we have developed our **KIND Curriculum**.

What Does KIND Mean?

At Ludham, everything we do is rooted in four simple values:

K - Keen

Ready to learn and contribute

Children develop curiosity, resilience and a positive attitude towards learning.

I - Independent

Making safe and responsible choices

Children learn to organise themselves, solve problems and make sensible decisions.

N - Nurture

Caring for ourselves, others and our community

Children learn kindness, empathy and responsibility.

D - Diverse

Respecting and celebrating differences

Children learn to value and respect people from all backgrounds, cultures and experiences.

What Is the Trust Ladder?

The Trust Ladder is how we gradually develop children's independence.

As children grow and demonstrate the KIND values, they are given more opportunities to take responsibility and show leadership.

Just as in adult life, greater freedoms come with greater responsibilities.

Children move through five stages:

Level 1 - Learning Trust

Learning routines and expectations.

Level 2 - Showing Responsibility

Taking ownership of simple jobs and responsibilities.

Level 3 - Trusted Independence

Making sensible choices independently.

Level 4 - Trusted Leadership

Supporting and leading others.

Level 5 - Ludham Citizen

Demonstrating outstanding service, leadership and citizenship.

What Does This Look Like in Practice?

Nursery

Children learn to:

- Follow routines
- Tidy away resources
- Take turns
- Care for their belongings

Reception and Key Stage 1

Children learn to:

- Complete classroom jobs
- Help others
- Take responsibility for shared spaces
- Demonstrate increasing independence

Lower Key Stage 2

Children learn to:

- Carry out trusted responsibilities
- Represent their class
- Contribute to school improvement
- Make sensible choices independently

Upper Key Stage 2

Children learn to:

- Lead younger pupils
- Represent the school
- Act as role models
- Demonstrate active citizenship

Does This Mean Children Are "Rewarded" for Good Behaviour?

Not exactly.

The Trust Ladder is not a reward system.

It is a developmental system.

Children are taught that:

"Trust is something we build through our actions."

Just as adults gain responsibility through experience and good judgement, children learn that greater independence comes through demonstrating responsibility over time.

What Happens If My Child Makes a Mistake?

Making mistakes is an important part of growing up.

If a child makes an unsafe or irresponsible choice, they will be supported to understand what happened and how to make a better choice next time.

Occasionally, a responsibility may be temporarily paused while trust is rebuilt.

This is not intended as a punishment.

Instead, it is part of helping children learn how to exercise independence safely and responsibly.

How Will We Know If Our Child Is Making Progress?

Teachers will monitor children's development throughout the year against the KIND values.

Children will be recognised for:

- Kindness
- Responsibility
- Leadership
- Citizenship
- Community contribution
- Positive attitudes towards learning

Where appropriate, children may also receive:

- Leadership opportunities
- Citizenship Awards
- Ambassador responsibilities
- Peer-support roles

Why Is This Important?

The world our children are growing up in requires more than academic success alone.

Young people need to be able to:

✓ Work with others

✓ Make safe choices

✓ Solve problems independently

✓ Show empathy

✓ Respect difference

✓ Demonstrate resilience

✓ Contribute positively to their community

The KIND Curriculum helps children develop these essential life skills from their earliest years through to the end of Year 6.

Our Aim

When children leave Ludham Primary School & Nursery, we want them to be able to say:

"I am Keen.

I am Independent.

I Nurture others.

I value Diversity.

I can be trusted to do the right thing, even when nobody is watching."

Because being KIND is about more than following rules. It is about becoming the very best version of yourself.