School Development Plan 2026-2027

Parent and Community Summary

A small school with big ideas

Growing Hearts, Growing Minds, Growing Dreams

At Manuden Primary School, we want every child to be happy, safe, included and challenged to achieve their very best. Our School Development Plan, approved by the Governing Body, sets out five priorities to guide our improvement work during 2026-2027.

1 Teaching, Curriculum and Achievement

Strengthen consistency and ambition in teaching across our mixed-age classes. Develop reading and mathematical fluency, provide appropriate challenge and support, and ensure interventions help children make progress.

2 SEND and Inclusion

Identify children's additional needs accurately and respond effectively. Strengthen classroom adaptations, individual support and regular reviews, with parents and carers involved in decisions about their child.

3 Behaviour, Expectations and Culture

Create a calm, respectful and purposeful environment through clear routines, consistent expectations, positive relationships and timely support when children need help with behaviour.

4 Leadership and Staff Development

Develop clear responsibilities and sustainable leadership across the school. Provide staff with purposeful professional learning, feedback and support so that improvements are embedded in everyday practice.

5 Nursery and School Sustainability

Explore establishing high-quality nursery provision, subject to the necessary approvals, demand and financial viability. Strengthen children's early education and transition to Reception while planning responsibly for the school's future.

Our commitments throughout the year

Safeguarding and wellbeing underpin all our work. We will also strengthen communication with families, offer meaningful enrichment opportunities and continue to monitor attendance and the experience of all pupils.

How we check our progress

School leaders review improvement work each half term, and governors monitor progress termly. We consider pupils' learning, experiences and feedback, using the findings to refine what we do next.

Thank you to our pupils, families, staff and governors for helping Manuden continue to grow and improve.