RYDAL PENRHOS SCHOOL

The School's mission statement

The School is an inclusive Christian community, based on a Methodist foundation, dedicated to ensuring that the unique potential of each child and young person is realised.

The School fosters respect for the individual in a safe and secure environment, thereby developing self confidence and personal independence.

The School balances academic rigour with challenging experiences in the cultural, athletic, aesthetic and spiritual domains.

The School is internationalist, multicultural, inclusive and committed to sustainable development and global citizenship.

Mission Statement of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust

The Methodist Church is engaged in education as part of its Christian mission in the world. Its schools will seek to extend the Methodist ethos and character and contribute to diversity in education.

The Methodist schools aim:

- to be caring Christian family communities, committed to the development of the full potential of each individual, having regard for their personal attributes in addition to their academic aspirations;
- to maintain high educational standards in all their academic, cultural and sporting activities, stimulating excitement in learning and requiring discipline in study whatever the ability of the child;
- to work in and with the communities they serve;
- to worship as Christians in the Methodist tradition; to uphold Christian values in practice as well as in theory and to make religious education a strong feature of the curriculum, whilst welcoming members of other faiths (and none) in a spirit of openness and tolerance;
- to encourage pupils in a critical examination of the standards and values current in society and to discover and develop a personal faith to guide them throughout their lives.

The School puts these mission statements into practice through the following principles:

To provide the best in Christian based independent education and to extend the Methodist ethos and character through the education that the school provides.

1 The School is a caring community which seeks to meet the pupils' academic and personal needs and to promote the acquisition of moral values. The School provides a structured and stable environment within which all pupils are able to develop their potential to the maximum in academic, aesthetic, physical and personal terms.

2 The School demonstrates its Christian ethos in the quality of all relationships within the school, its work within the local community and by making religious education a strong feature of the curriculum. Worship follows the Methodist tradition whilst welcoming members of other faiths in a spirit of openness and tolerance.

3 The School has high expectations of all pupils in all aspects of its educational provision. All pupils are expected to achieve the highest standards of which they are capable in both curricular and extra curricular areas. All pupils' subjects and activities are equally valued and all aspects of the curriculum and extra curricular provision are available and equally accessible to all pupils based only on their abilities and interests.

4 The School believes that its extra curricular provision generates a positive atmosphere, which enhances academic performance. The extra curricular dimension is thus an integral part of the school's educational provision.

5 The School has due regard to the National Curriculum and seeks to extend it where appropriate for each subject.

6 The School is broadly selective and caters for a wide range of abilities.

7 Wherever possible the School seeks to recognise and reward positive features of pupil's work and conduct. In doing so it seeks to develop the self-confidence of every pupil. Courtesy and consideration are integral to all aspects of school life.

8 The School encourages pupils to develop self discipline and so take responsibility for their work and progress. The School seeks to develop the whole person and the tutors and subject teachers work closely together. Pastoral care is the responsibility of all staff.

9 The School places great value on maintaining close, constructive communication with parents.

10 The School encourages pupils to engage in a critical examination of the standards and values current in society and to discover and develop a personal faith to guide them throughout their lives.