

COMPASSION IN THE CLASSROOM

Meet the schools who have put caring and kindness on the curriculum

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DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

At Brambletye School in West Sussex, a holistic approach is taken to kindness, and it forms the framework for all elements of school life. 'We cultivate the traditional values of good manners, respect and kindness to all those around us,' explains Amelia Brooks, head of marketing and communications. 'This is an education which focuses on developing the whole person while in a beautiful and historic setting.'

'Our school motto is work hard, play hard, be kind,' she continues, 'and out of all these values we believe kindness to be the most important. We hope pupils learn to support and understand each other, demonstrate kindness towards those around them, and celebrate each other's successes.'

Acts of kindness are celebrated every week in assembly at Brambletye, and could be anything from a small random act which has changed someone's day, or just recognising how a pupil has treated their friends and family. The school also instils in

the children the understanding that they are all responsible for looking after new pupils and staff, so everyone feels at ease from their very first day.

And to ensure that social awareness 'is embedded into every pupil's education,' Brambletye choose a charity to support each year. 'We do this because we know we can

make a meaningful impact on other people's lives, but we also feel that the learning experience is invaluable for our pupils,' says Amelia. 'This year we are supporting Hope and Homes for Children and their Ukrainian appeal.'



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