CARR JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to share some exciting developments at Carr Junior School that will shape our work with the children this year and beyond.

Over the past term, staff have worked together to clarify what we want every child's experience of Carr to feel like, look like, and lead to. From this work, three closely connected initiatives have been introduced: our school values, our Carr learning journey, and our 50 Things to Experience.

Our school values sit at the heart of everything we do. These are Be Kind, Be Curious, Be Resilient and Be Yourself. They are not simply rules or expectations, but the qualities we want children to develop as people. We use these values to guide behaviour, learning, relationships and decision-making across school, helping children feel safe, confident and proud of who they are.

Alongside this, we have introduced our Carr Journey, which describes how children grow during their time with us. From being Ready, to becoming Involved, then Stretching themselves, and finally Excelling, this journey reflects both personal and academic development. It helps children understand that growth happens step by step, and that confidence, responsibility and leadership build over time.

Finally, our 50 Things to Experience initiative is a promise to our pupils. It sets out a wide range of meaningful experiences that children will have the opportunity to take part in while they are at Carr. These include cultural visits, performances, sporting opportunities, learning new skills, helping others and enjoying time together. This is not a checklist for children to complete independently, but a framework that helps us ensure school life is rich, balanced and memorable.

All three initiatives are designed to work together. Our values define who we are, the Carr Journey shows how we grow, and the 50 Things to Experience ensure that learning is brought to life through real experiences (see below).

We look forward to sharing more of these opportunities with you over the coming months, and we are excited about the positive impact they will have on our school community.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Laura Winston
Head of School

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50 things to experience
Make friends
Experience kindness
Do something to protect the environment
Learn how to stay safe around water
Borrow a book from the library
Visit the Minster
Share random acts of kindness
Communicate with someone from a different country
Learn how to keep myself safe
Learn something new from school visitors
Grow something from a seed/bulb
Support the local community
Have your achievements celebrated in assembly
Visit the beach
Take part in a debate
Try a food that you've never had before
Read with younger children
Participate in Bikeability training
Celebrate and raise money for local, national and global charities
Complete pedestrian training
Be involved in sporting opportunities
Connect with favourite authors
Learn about, understand and accept other people's differences
Sing in front of an audience
Visit the theatre
Learn about different careers
Have swimming lessons
Take part in Sports Day
Learn a musical instrument
Share your learning with your family
Visit the Art Gallery
Take part in Shinefest
Complete first aid training
Have the opportunity to apply for school leadership roles
Participate in a range of extra curricular clubs
Learn another language
Perform on a stage
Meet and work with an Artist
Visit another city
Cook and bake
Participate in outdoor learning through Forest Schools
Visit different places of worship
Watch the Panto
Go on a residential trip
Take a trip to the river
Visit York
Take part in a historical visit
Explore the local area
Have fun
Shine bright
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