

# Weekly Word



## ***Care Curiosity Determination***

**To all Parents/Carers and members of the Markeaton Community,**

First and foremost, a huge thank you for all your input regarding the new school motto. We had well over 100 responses and 300 words to choose from! Combined with input from Staff, Governors, and most importantly the children, we certainly had a healthy selection of words to consider.

And after careful deliberation, we have chosen our three words: Care, Curiosity and Determination. Whilst there are lots of words that we have had to leave behind, we feel that these three (which came up a lot from everyone) best represent what we believe, how we teach, the decisions that we make, how people feel about the school and what we want from and for the children.

**So what happens next?**

As previously discussed, these three words will now replace our current motto which is '**Grow and Learn Together**'. So in the short term you will see this motto disappear from various documents and different places around school (apart from the school clock!). And in the medium to long term you will start hearing, seeing and feeling these three words with great regularity.

This will include our revised Teaching and Learning and Behaviour Policies (which are both currently being worked on), assemblies and in the classroom – and lots of other different places. Please use them at home too...

Despite the complexity of receiving so many words from so many different people, the whole process has been incredibly valuable and really made us think about what Markeaton stands for.

Part of this process also included parents/carers giving reasons for their word choices, here are some which really stood out:

- *‘Everything suggested, or sent to parents, or anything the school does is clearly all for the children, every little thing is thought of & gives confidence to parents, which enables us to feel our children are safe & their best interests, as well as their happiness & development are 100% at the forefront of the school.’*
- *‘My children are genuinely cared about and feel completely happy in their school.’*
- *‘The reason we chose Markeaton and moved to get into the catchment area was that it has a vibe. The children are heard and seen for who they are. The children are cared for. The curriculum is exciting and captures arts, humanities and outings. This means children are encouraged to love learning and be excited by it.’*
- *‘The girls spoke about Markeaton feeling like a community where everyone has a role and is valued. They also feel it’s a very active engaging school where they have variety in their learning and creativity to help them think outside the box and express themselves.’*
- *‘Markeaton is a community, that is marked by respect for each other, in a place of learning.’*

Once again, thank you for your input with this process – it has made all the difference. Please keep an eye out for further updates.

And finally, a huge well done and congratulations to all our Y6 children who have completed their SATs tests this week (see Twitter!) We are incredibly proud of every single one of you 😊 Best wishes and have a lovely weekend, Mr Johnson.



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★ Thank you to all our staff who prepared breakfasts, thank you to our adults who ran around fetching sweets and goodies to keep us going, but most importantly, thank you to our wonderful Y6s who have been absolute ★ s this week! (Mr H didn't check the wind before pulling 🌪️!)

