

# Our Aims

The aim of Latchmere School is to stay at the forefront of creative educational innovation, whilst keeping pupil well-being at its heart.

With this in mind, Latchmere families and staff have developed the 6 Ls of Latchmere.

Learning	Local Community	Laughter	Loyalty	Love	Leadership
at every opportunity so we can understand more	showing respect for our environment and taking pride in making the community and the world a better place	helps learning and lasts forever	is to respect others and is returned with friendship and love	comes from Latchmere and makes us feel important and grow together	helps us to work together in cooperation towards a common goal

Pupils' personal development and well-being is central to the ethos of Latchmere School and is one of our key strengths. We aim to educate the whole child through a holistic approach promoting the pupil's spiritual, moral, cultural and healthy development. As a result, pupils show very high self-esteem.

These underpinning qualities and skills help us start each day with a morning greeting or handshake and we have developed a range of emotional well-being activities to enable children to show empathy with their peers while becoming self aware.

***“The continuing striving for excellence is due to the outstanding leadership of the Head Teacher and the leadership team”***

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## These activities include:

- Circle time
- Focused Assemblies
- Buddies
- A school counsellor
- Peer massage
- Relaxation in our Blue Room
- The School uses the Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning programme to deliver the PSHE curriculum which includes sex and drug education lessons.

Latchmere School is committed to preparing pupils for the ever-changing technological world in which they live. In order to do this we are continually extending our expertise and our stock of hardware and software. Our computer centre is equipped with thirty Apple Mac networked computers with access to both the internet and the Kingston Intranet. In addition, classrooms and additional learning spaces have networked Windows computers so the children get the opportunity to develop a range of computing skills.

The children use computers for word processing, spread sheets and databases, simulations, controlling, programming and for accessing information. There is a wide range of exciting educational software to support these activities as well as three portable and wireless laptop trolleys. We also use email to maintain our links with schools abroad.

Latchmere School has an informative website which has class pages and a comprehensive list of dates and events. You can visit it at: [www.latchmereschool.org](http://www.latchmereschool.org)