

# Community schools...

have the best interests of families and communities at the heart of all they do

contribute to strengthening families and building strong communities for the future

respect and value the contribution parents can make to the school

are a place for learning for all

reach out to engage families and the community

open up their facilities and co-locate services for the benefit of their community

are committed to working in partnership

make highly effective use of staff who work directly with families

strategically plan to meet the needs of families and their community

provide effective family learning

demonstrate their commitment to equity, inclusion and fairness

co-locate services to help families and the community access advice and support

recognise the potential of family and community engagement in helping children succeed

invest time and energy in getting to know the needs, interests and aspirations of pupils, families and their communities