

# LHS Skills Framework – Information for Parents & Carers

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At LHS, we are launching our new Skills Framework to help pupils recognise and develop the key skills they need for success in school, life and work. Importantly, these skills were first identified by our pupils as the 5 skills they believe will be most beneficial to us as a community.

## What do we mean by skills?

When we talk about skills, we mean 'the ability to do something'. Developing strong skills prepares pupils not only for learning at school, but also for life and work after they leave us.

## Our 5 Key Skills



**Focusing:** Staying concentrated, setting goals, and avoiding distractions.



**Communicating:** Sharing ideas clearly, listening well, and working with others.



**Leading:** Showing initiative, supporting peers, and motivating others.



**Adapting:** Being flexible, tackling new challenges, and learning from setbacks.



**Critical Thinking:** Analysing information, solving problems, and making informed decisions.

## Why these skills?

These skills will help pupils to:

- Do a wide range of things well
- Talk confidently about what they can do
- Recognise which skills they need to strengthen
- Transfer their skills across different subjects
- Give real examples of their skills to employers, colleges, or universities

## What happens next?

- Teachers will use the skill icons in lessons and on displays
- Pupils will be encouraged to reflect on the skills they are using
- Over time, pupils will build the ability to describe and evidence their own skills for the future

We encourage you to talk to your child about these skills and ask them how they are using them in their learning each week. Together, we can help them build the confidence and capability to thrive.