



Headteacher

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Top character  
qualities developed

- Leadership
- Citizenship
- Compassion
- Hope and optimism
- Selflessness

## Waveney Valley Partnership Federation

REGION East of England

TYPE Primary Community School

STUDENTS 104 pupils aged 3-11

Our school's social action centres on close partnership with the 1st Fressingfield Scout Group. **Both students and staff are encouraged to join and we like the whole school to be engaged in the scouting ethos.**

There's a good retention rate as many of our young people stay in the organisation and become uniformed leaders themselves. It forges intergenerational links with the Royal British Legion and provides a framework with which to fundraise, hold fetes, garden parties. With litter picks and work with the local church our young people are now seen as having a positive role in the local community. **We're mindful that students should not be prevented from joining by financial circumstances so we use Pupil Premium money to fight exclusion.**

**We have a school council, hold mock elections and have weekly celebrations that recognise the achievements of pupils in and out of school.** One group raised nearly £1500 for the Nepal Earthquake appeals and this was commended with a presentation in assembly with families and guests present. Through the school and the Scouts, we sponsor children at a school in Kenya and an orphanage

in Nairobi. Our students and scouts used fundraising events to gather the money needed to rescue one particular child from poverty and that child has since been educated and is off to university! This personal story and personal connection has had a big effect on our students and scouts - they can see how lives can be changed one step at a time.

The school management team has decided to remodel the leadership team and **we now have a youth social education coordinator to make social action an intrinsic part of our curriculum.** We are forging ahead on two major projects to create a new scout headquarters and build a local farming community our students can participate in. A dedicated team and a strong passionate leader is needed to make this sustainable but the results are clear. There are some fantastic things happening and the pupils who participate are more rounded, more socially aware and more emotionally literate. They tend to achieve better results in academia and sport than those who do not engage and, crucially, they are also happier.



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As Chair of Governors I see huge benefits that are achieved from the schools and scouts working closely together in terms of shared resources, access to opportunities and the increased confidence and self esteem that has a positive impact on the formal learning process. But the impact is much deeper than the obvious fun achieved through these activities. Raising awareness in our children.

Chair of Governors,  
Dawn Carman-Jones