

Chapter 2

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**Power:** Power of Unity  
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**Value:** Interdependence (caring, sharing, kindness and helpfulness)

**Purpose:** To create a sense of belonging for all children

**Brain Development:** Social successes prime the brain for academic achievement

**Emotional Development:** Relationships, embedded in a school family, are the motivation and cradle of all learning

**Encouragement Principles:**

1. We are all in this together.
2. Contributing to the welfare of others builds self-worth.
3. How you “see” others defines who *you* are.
4. We are all unique, not special.
5. Some forms of praise can be discouraging. Effective praise relies on describing, not judging.
6. Children need encouragement, especially when they have made “poor” choices.