

Community reflections and comments on our vision and values



We asked members of our school community to reflect on what our school vision and values meant to them. This included children , parents, staff, governors, members of the church and volunteers. Here are some of the things they said.

'I came to give life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

What does this mean to us?

'Making the most of your life'

'Doing your best in work and play'

'Being true to yourself'

'Being a good citizen of the world'

'To take care of yourself'

'Making your life worthwhile'

'To live out what you want to do'

'Jesus came to teach us how to live a good life and be a good person'

'Help and care for each other'

'Navigate life with the compass directions of kindness '

'Being open to new ideas and opportunities'

'To never give up'

'To love and be loved'

'To be connected to God and to each other'

'Healthy relationships'

'Trying a bit of everything'

Aims: 'To empower all to flourish as unique respected individuals'

What does this mean to us?

'To be yourself'

'To embrace and celebrate individuality and difference'

'To be a respectful community'

'To understand protected characteristics'

'To help those who need it most'

'To create the right conditions for everyone to bloom'

'No matter what the obstacles — whether they be economic, cultural or social — everybody is entitled to a quality education as a human right' (Malala Yousafzai)

Aims: To be aspirational, encouraging excellence and a love of learning

What does this mean to us?

'Having dreams for the future'

'Working hard and doing your best'

'Excellent teachers who are supported to provide excellent teaching'

'Learning for life'

'Having high standards'

'Teaching children what they need to know and be able to do'

Aims: To create curious, confident, free thinkers who manage setbacks and take risks

What does this mean to us?

'Never giving up'

'Enjoying school'
'Learning to think for yourself'
'Having an opinion'
'accepting challenges'

Aims: To foster Christian values, spirituality and love so that all grow a strong sense of themselves, as well as responsibility towards others and the natural world

What does this mean to us?

'Values help us make good decisions'
'Thinking about what is important to us'
'Thinking about beliefs'
'Connecting with the bigger picture'
'Finding time to pause'
'Caring for others'
'Being kind'
'Looking after our planet'
'Turning the lights off'

Values: Integrity

**Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.
Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.**

Proverbs 24:25-26

What does this mean to us?

'Being kind everyday, all of the time'

'Doing the right thing even when no-one is looking'

'Living an honest life'

'Being true to yourself'

'Helping someone even when you don't feel it'

'Doing the right thing even when others around you are not'

'Not being led astray by others'

'Focusing on what is important'

Here are ways we show integrity:

'Picking up litter even when no one is looking'

'If you find something that isn't yours, you hand it in (even if you really want it)'

Values: Respect

'Love your Neighbour as you love yourself'

Mark 12:31

What does this mean to us?

'Respecting other people's opinion'

'Helping anyone no matter who they are'

'Treating others as you would like to be treated yourself'

'Having due regard for others'

We show respect by:

'Leaving people alone when they want some space'

'Celebrating differences'

'Appreciating different points of view'

'Understanding human rights and relevant events in history'

'Decolonising the curriculum'

Values: Equality

So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free people, between men and women; you are all in union with Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

What does this mean to us?

'Everyone gets the same of everything'

'Fairness'

'Inclusiveness'

'Some people need more help than others'

'It means Equity rather than Equality'

'Understanding discrimination'

'Knowing about human rights'

We show equality by:

'Sharing'

'Giving everyone the same opportunities through the Marsh Baldon promise'

Cooperation

So then, we must always aim at those things that bring peace and that help to strengthen one another

Romans 14:19

What does **Cooperation** mean to us?

'Teamwork'

'Working together'

'Taking turns'

'Stepping down if needed'

'Not always having it your way'

'Being helpful'

We show cooperation by:

- cleaning the tables at lunch
- taking turns
- voting for which game to play at playtime
- respecting your friends opinion

Love

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs, love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

What does **Love** mean to us?

'Friendship'

'Caring'

'Happiness'

'Unconditional positive regard'

'Not being selfish'

'Adoration'

'Family'

'Caring for people we will never meet'

We show love by:

- Giving our reception children year 6 buddies
- Looking after people when they feel unwell
- Thinking about people across the world e.g. At Harvest

Courage

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 23:1-4

What does **Courage** mean to us?

'Being brave',

'Taking on a challenge no matter'

'Doing something even when you're scared to do it'

'Knowing that you're never alone'

'Doing the right thing even if it means something uncomfortable might happen'

We show courage by:

'Standing up for what we believe in'

'Coming to school everyday and giving our best'

'Taking risks with our learning'

'Taking part in adventurous activities'

'Taking part in a team on sports day'

'Feeling the fear and doing it anyway'