



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Vision and Values

As a joint Methodist and Anglican Church School ensuring our vision is theologically rooted and is understood by all those linked to the school is integral.

*In September, staff and governors across the nursery and school spent time reviewing our Christian vision statement and our core values. Through this discussion and collaboration, we are now writing to share that we are updating the school's vision to be: **Work at it with all your heart** (Colossians 3:23).*

It was felt that this verse reflects more clearly our core aim, which is to support, encourage and nurture each and every child to reach their fullest potential and to instil in the children that by working hard and being committed success will be achieved.

*Alongside our new vision statement, we revisited our core values and have agreed the following: **Love, Hope and Respect**.*

***Love** is at the centre of God's message. We want our children to know that they are loved and cared for and want them to be secure in offering love and care to those around them. Love is shown by looking after those within our school and wider community, serving them and putting their needs before our own. We want this to be seen in both our actions and our attitudes towards one another throughout the school. We shall work with all our heart to provide the best possible education for every child, doing so with empathy and understanding.*

*We want all our children to have abundant **hope**. A hope that comes from knowing that they are precious and valued. The hope that is shared by viewing each other as equally precious and valued. It is our hope that every child may grow and learn academically, socially and spiritually.*

***Respect** ensures we value diversity, inclusivity and demonstrate tolerance. We show respect in the way we treat each other, value each other's differences, and care for creation. We are*

a school where respect for learning, staff, pupils and our environment are all of equal importance.

To support understanding our vision and values, we have chosen the parable of **The Good Samaritan**. This story exemplifies our vision and values as we see the contrast between two people; one who did not love the man in need, and one who showed the man love. We see one person in need of hope from another. The Good Samaritan provides all that is needed for the injured person to find healing and have the opportunity to live a full life in the future. It is the Good Samaritan who shows respect to the stranger, rather than ignoring him as the other passers-by had. The Good Samaritan gained respect by his treatment and empathy of the injured man.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to speak to school staff or governors.

Kind regards



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