

Ethos Vision Values and Aims Statement

Ethos

St John's is a Church of England school and as such we subscribe to the Church's vision for education with Jesus' promise of **'life in all its fullness'** at its heart. A vision which is worked out through four basic elements: wisdom, hope, community, and dignity.

- ❖ Educating for wisdom, knowledge and skills:
- ❖ Educating for hope and aspiration:.
- ❖ Educating for community and living well together:
- ❖ Educating for dignity and respect:

As a Church of England school we are proud to offer a church school education in the heart of the community, which enables children to flourish. We have a strong commitment to the teaching of Christianity as well as recognising, valuing and celebrating faith and cultural diversity. The Christian ethos of our school is reflected in a positive atmosphere that fosters high academic standards as well as nurturing children's social development. Great emphasis is placed on equality and high standards of work and behaviour. As **John the Baptist** prepared the way for Jesus, we prepare children for life. We believe learning is something not only to be enjoyed but the key that will enrich life, open up the future and enable children to **become the best versions of themselves**.

In order to be **'our best version'** *"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, love and self-discipline."* Our school is a place where:

- Children and adults are engaged on a life-time's journey of discovery and learning
- Each person is uniquely valued and their gifts and potential are nurtured and developed to enable children to become the best versions of themselves.
- Each member of the school knows he or she belongs to our school community and accepts the responsibility of caring for one another and for God's world
- Christian values and spirituality are at the heart of all aspects of school life
- A creative and challenging learning environment promotes resilience and self-esteem.
- We promote a love of learning in a safe, happy school, where every person matters



Vision, Values and Aims

Our **vision** of enabling children to **become the best versions of themselves** is summarised by our mission statement, **'working together in friendship and faith, learning for life'**. This is securely underpinned by our Christian ethos, for **'I can do everything through Him who gives me strength'** **Philippians 4:13** and permeates every aspect of school life. The five core Christian **values** which are central to our school ethos and vision are; **Love, Honesty, Faithfulness, Kindness** and **Forgiveness**. These values are the cornerstones of all that happens and are rewarded as part of the school's core behaviour policy. St John's **aims** to serve its pupils and community by providing learning experiences of the highest quality. Inspired by faith and together with our parents, churches and communities, we:

- Support each person to reach their full potential in body, mind, heart and spirit
- Provide a learning environment that is inclusive of all and builds tenacity, compassion and collaboration
- Deliver a creative curriculum that develops independence, curiosity and persistence
- Prepare children for entry into the wider community by encouraging positive links between home, the school and a global society

In summary we aspire to **become the best versions of ourselves** and believe :

- We are all God's children and of equal worth
- The family of St John's is a place of affirmation, friendship and faith
- We prepare children to make life's rich and varied journey, knowing God walks with them
- In service to all and as Jesus said, we put children at the heart of all we do
- Christ-like and informed by Gospel values, we seek to form hearts of goodness and love
- Each person is encouraged to shine as stars and we seek to support everyone to do the same