



Friday 15th October 2021

RE: Proposed changes to school values

Dear Parents and Carers,

During 2018/ 2019, staff, pupils, governors and parents of St John's School came together to create a new vision for the school.

At St John's we inspire our whole school to love learning and work together so everyone can reach their full potential.

Through shared Christian values we recognise the skills and talents of all, nurture creativity and contribute to our community.

With engaging lessons, exciting opportunities and challenging experiences we deepen knowledge and understanding, have fun and succeed.

To implement the school's vision, we identified four curriculum drivers from the vision to shape our curriculum breadth: environment, spirituality, morality and creativity.

They are derived from an exploration of the backgrounds of our pupils, our beliefs about high-quality education and are used to ensure we give our students appropriate and ambitious curriculum opportunities.

Despite the new vision, the school's values have remained unchanged. We feel that to better support our pupils with their personal development, it is a good time to revisit the values. From September 2021, schools within the Futura Learning Partnership will celebrate the values of:

- Respect: Behaving with integrity and being worthy of trust; respecting self, others and the environment.
- Opportunity: Providing experiences for growth and development; opening doors to future success.
- Collaboration: Working together towards shared goals and shared success; being 'stronger together'.
- Aspiration: Encouraging ambition; providing the inspiration, challenge and support to achieve success in all its forms.

These will then become the school values. We would like to use this as an opportunity to focus on these values through the lens of our curriculum drivers to ensure we promote our distinctive Christian character as a church school as well as supporting the school community's vision for the school.

During Autumn 1, we have been looking at the school and Futura Learning Partnership value of respect through the lens of our curriculum drivers:

- environment (respecting the environment)
- creativity (self-respect for nurturing our skills and talents)
- spirituality (respect for others including their faith)
- morality (respect for those in authority including our parents and carers)



We would like to explore what the value of respect means to the whole school community including governors, parents, St John's staff and pupils. We will use part of a governor meeting and staff meeting to discuss the value and will embed the value of respect within the school in the following ways:

- Allocate time during school council, a staff meeting and a governor meeting to discuss what respect means to us in order to incorporate the value into our everyday lives.
- Focus collective worship on the value of respect in all its forms.
- Add activities to the home learning menu on respect that pupils can complete with their families.
- Showcase respect in action in the spiritual areas of each classroom.

Yours sincerely,

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