

OUR CHRISTIAN VISION

Homefield Church of England Primary School

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN VISION?

- Being a Church of England school means we have a Christian vision that maps out and drives all we do inside and outside of the school ensuring it is reinforced by strong Christian foundations.
- It helps the leaders of the school make important decisions,
- It helps all the people within the school forge relationships and interact with one another respectfully,
- It helps parents to be welcomed into the school and to play an important part in the learning journey of their children,
- It helps involve the wider community with school life and events,
- It helps all school stakeholders develop as unique and valued individuals.

WHAT DOES OUR CHRISTIAN VISION SAY?

- At Homefield Church of England Primary School we have a clear vision for the future. It is our vision that Homefield will continue to be a nurturing environment underpinned by strong Christian and British values.
- Embedded throughout our school from our logo to our playground, we are a family community where each child is treated as an individual, and outstanding teaching helps them to discover and develop their unique talents and abilities.
- We are family that is together; one that cares for, values and encourages all the children within our care. Most of all, we are a family that provides every child with enriching opportunities to shine.

OUR CHRISTIAN VISION

• Our vision is based on two main themes. These are:

FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP

To support these themes we have created this school strapline, which we feel encapsulates our ethos:

Together, we are a family that cares for, values and encourages all.

(This strapline can be seen in many places: on our websites, in classes, in our school policies and on staff lanyard ribbons.)

OUR VISION IS ROOTED IN THEOLOGY

- Our vision is supported by two meaningful Bible quotes that help our Christian vision themes of Family and Friendship be expressed. These are:
- Psalm 133:1
- "Oh how wonderful, how pleasing it is when <u>all God's people come together as</u> <u>one</u>." (Family)
- John 4:21
- "And He has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also <u>love</u> <u>their brother and sister</u>." (Friendship)

HOW DO OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES HELP US?

- Our family community is built upon core Christian Values. These are trust, friendship, hope, peace, forgiveness, compassion, thankfulness and wisdom. Yet, we are never limited to just these eight strong values and regularly focus on other important ones, helping us to appreciate what being a more rounded Christian is like.
- As a Church of England school we try very hard to live out our key Christian values. They are at the heart of all we do. Here are some examples:
- Our behaviour policy is based on <u>forgiveness</u> and <u>peace</u> with every child being given the chance to improve.
- Nurture is at our heart, we show <u>compassion</u> in all we do and believe that every child can achieve.
- Our results have been successful because the leaders <u>trust</u> teachers to be innovative and impart <u>wisdom</u> to our children.
- Our children are well behaved and good mannered because <u>friendship</u> and togetherness is at our heart adults model, children learn.
- Our school is a hopeful place, offering a second chance to those who need it and teaching children to <u>hope</u> and aspire for a better future.
- Our focus on outdoor and eco-learning teaches children to be **<u>thankful</u>** for the world around us.

HOW DO OUR BRITISH VALUES HELP US?

- Our family community ensures we model strong British Values. At Homefield we show <u>democracy</u> by discussing and selecting what we would like to learn and by voting for members of our pupil committees.
- We follow <u>rules</u>, which help us to behave so well and keep everybody safe. Each of our pupils has lots of <u>freedom</u> to make choices, such as selecting the level of challenge in their work or choosing the activities or clubs they wish to participate in.
- <u>Respect</u> is extremely important and we make sure we show this to each other, to property, to God and to ourselves. We must give respect to others and in return we can expect other people to show us respect.
- We accept and <u>tolerate</u> everyone for who they are. We love the fact that everyone is unique and brings great variety to our school.

SO REMEMBER...

Our Christian vision is based on:

FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP

Our school strapline is:

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THANKYOU

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