

CHRIST CHURCH CōE PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR MOTTO & VALUES

As a school community we want to be:

*“Learning and growing together in **faith, hope and love.**”*

Our motto and these values underpin everything we do at Christ Church Primary School:

‘LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER’

This part of our motto reminds us that good education requires wisdom, knowledge and skills. It is also a process of growth: a gradual and organic process. Just as importantly, this learning and growth takes place *together*.

At Christ Church Primary School, we see ourselves as a family; where every person is cared for and given the opportunity to learn and grow. The staff are also committed to learning and growing, and the governors support this through building a culture of learning and development at every level of school life.



‘FAITH’



Christ Church Primary School has always been a Church of England school, and has always sought to ensure our Christian values are at the heart of everything that takes place.

These values give us a particular emphasis on caring for the disadvantaged in the community, as well as seeking to celebrate and promote diversity and inclusion.

We have strong links to our parish church – Christ Church – and we seek to ensure that everyone has support in their spiritual development.

We also believe it is important to educate children about other religions, and to encourage understanding and positive attitudes towards those from different cultures, backgrounds and beliefs. This is all part of showing acceptance and respect.

‘HOPE’

We want our children to know that they have been created with so many wonderful gifts and abilities, and that God has a purpose for their lives.

We want the children at our school to dream big dreams for themselves and for the world around them.

In the context of Newark, we seek to raise awareness of a whole world full of opportunities and new experiences, and we aim to ensure that all children can look to the future with hope and aspiration.

We want to work with families to ensure that they share these dreams and work alongside us in equipping the children with the skills and education they need to make it happen.

We encourage our children to take responsibility for the world around them, and to act as courageous advocates for those less fortunate than themselves, as well as for wider local and global concerns.



‘LOVE’

At the heart of everything we do is love.



We want our love for each other to be a reflection of God’s love for every one of us, and we trust that we will teach the students in our care the importance of community and living well together.

We want the way we model love and care for one another to be evident to all our students, so they share in our attitudes, motivations and behaviour. We will model forgiveness and reconciliation. We will seek to reach out to the families of our students with an attitude of love and understanding.

Whenever difficult decisions need to be made, we seek to be motivated by love and care for our students and staff.

Our Christian Foundation: The Curriculum & Beyond

Given our strong Christian roots, and our links with our local parish church – Christ Church – we are keen to ensure that Religious Education (RE) is much more than just another lesson at school.

Our RE lessons offer a greater opportunity to explore the themes of faith, hope and love in more depth as we seek to ensure our pupils are aware of what Christianity teaches, as well as understanding and respecting other faiths. We believe that when you teach RE with an emphasis on these three core values, you instil a vision for a better world, encourage greater tolerance and empathy, and help pupils to have big dreams for our local community and the wider world.

We also believe that these values can be reinforced throughout the curriculum, and we endeavour to make links in the curriculum with a wide range of Christian values that we want our children to understand and demonstrate.

Collective Worship

The three virtues of faith, hope and love are each a focus for the three school terms:

In the **Autumn Term**, we focus on **LOVE** covering topics such as friendship, forgiveness, family, community and charity. This helps us to ensure all students know they are loved and cared for, and it helps us to establish a culture of mutual care and respect across the school.

*“Love never fails”
(1 Corinthians 13:8)*

In the **Spring Term**, we focus on **FAITH**, covering some of the key stories and events from the life of Jesus. We think about what the Bible teaches us about life and faith, and we think about what we ourselves believe.

*“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see”
(Hebrews 11:1)*

In the **Summer Term**, we focus on **HOPE**, as we think about different career choices and opportunities, the ways we can change the world for the better, and the changes that will happen as the school year comes to an end.

*“Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him”
(Psalm 62:5-8)*

