

Our School Ethos Statement

"A Caring Christian Community Achieving Full Potential for All"

At St John's we are proud of the Christian foundation of our school. We want our school to be an inclusive place and one where all sections - pupils, staff, parents, governors and friends of the school, work together to ensure that we provide the best opportunities possible.

We try to ensure that our school is a place where every child can reach their potential, and so we celebrate a wide range of achievement. Through our work and in our relationships we seek to live out our Christian values, and on a daily basis these are reinforced through the importance given to them in collective worship and through the way in which they underpin the work of the school.

Our Aims

To value the world in which we live.

To be a caring Christian community that welcomes everyone.

To create opportunities to reflect and to celebrate the achievements of all within our school.

To encourage every child to develop an enquiring mind and to become lifelong learners

To help every child build self-esteem by becoming independent learners who are self-motivated and self-disciplined.

To provide a safe, secure, happy and stimulating environment in which everyone can develop and flourish.

To provide clear boundaries so that all members of the school and wider community are treated with respect and dignity, valuing the contribution of all.

To foster an environment where communication, trust and support promote good relationships between school, home and the wider community.

Our School

To be a caring Christian community that welcomes everyone:

- promotion of a Christian ethos.
- to teach the Christian principles of love and forgiveness.
- where people are treated with respect and sensitivity – even in difficult circumstances.
- to be inclusive.
- an environment where people can be open and honest about their faith and beliefs.

To create opportunities to reflect and to celebrate the achievements of all within our school:

- to value collective worship.
- to provide worship that reflects our strong links with Christianity and the Anglican church.
- to celebrate the success of all – through valuing the achievement of staff, pupils and governors.

Individuals

To encourage every child to develop an enquiring mind and to become lifelong learners:

- for everyone to achieve their full potential
- a classroom ethos which supports enjoyment and learning for all
- provision of high quality teaching
- provision of the broadest possible curriculum
- teaching styles to cater for all learning preferences
- professional development for all staff
- opportunities for parents to learn about and share in their children's learning

To help every child build self-esteem by becoming independent learners who are self-motivated and self-disciplined:

- praise of effort and achievement
- a climate of learning where all are encouraged to take risks and to excel
- promote physical, social, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development
- encourage balanced self-evaluation

To provide a safe, secure, happy and stimulating environment in which everyone can develop and flourish:

- high quality teaching and learning resources
- safe, clean and stimulating environment
- a safe playground which provides opportunities for enjoyment and scope for imagination
- zero tolerance of bullying
- value and promote work-life balance

Relationships

To provide clear boundaries so that all members of the school and wider community are treated with respect and dignity, valuing the contribution of all.

- clear school rules that are consistently applied
- encouragement of listening to one another

- teaching of courtesy and politeness

To foster an environment where communication, trust and support promote good relationships between school, home and the wider community:

- listening to all concerns
- a prominent and effective school council
- seeking and listening to the views and opinions of pupils, parents and all staff
- promotion of links with church, town and diocesan events

To value the world in which we live:

- promotion of care for the local environment
- provide opportunities to learn about and see the world beyond our local community
- promote environmental awareness
- make links with and support the needs of the developing world