

St Paul's C E Primary School

Our Ethos and Vision:

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our motto: "Love to Learn and Shine - Make a Difference!"

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29: 11

St Paul's C E Primary School is an inclusive, welcoming family community where we want our children to be: confident, creative and independent learners; inquisitive to wonder and explore; form positive relationships and who are resilient within an ever changing climate of social diversity.

We encourage our children to 'Shine their Light' with personal achievement to make a positive difference to others by sharing their positive values and a 'Love of Learning' within the local and wider community and to 'Make a Difference' to themselves and for the good of others.

"Be gentle, be patient, be humble, be loving"

Ephesians 4:2-3

Vision

St Paul's – A happy, thriving learning community where Christian Values are at the heart of our Mission where everyone can 'Love to Learn, Shine and Make a Difference!'

We have a desire to:

- ✓ inspire and be inspired by others
- ✓ be excited to learn by being motivated through various experiences;
- ✓ be supported and challenged to achieve potential;
- ✓ developing confidence to make positive and independent decisions;
- ✓ make an active contribution to the wider community;
- ✓ promote peaceful friendship and joy as part of the school family;
- ✓ demonstrate strong servant leadership towards others;
- ✓ being resilient and responsible for own actions;
- ✓ be inclusive and respectful of everyone's individuality and uniqueness;
- ✓ develop skills of enquiry to contribute to furthering research with advancing technology within a developing world and
- ✓ to be successful with a keen aspiration to make a difference in the future.

ETHOS

The community at St Paul's is driving towards high academic standards within a strong Christian family ethos.

Visitors tell us we have a lovely calm atmosphere in our school which reflects our mission.

A recent 'Daily Mile' contractor commented, "What a delight to see children smiling, being polite and well mannered."

A Local Authority officer for 'Challenge and Support' exclaimed, "What a lovely, lovely school with caring considerate children who appear confident and happy"

Our children are growing up within a changing and challenging world, and we are endeavouring to provide the children with greater resilience to address social issues which can affect personal confidence and social acceptance.

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity
(Psalm 133:1)*

We have a diverse community within our own school which is made up of different faiths, cultures, individual educational needs and social demographics. It is important that we grow up respecting our shared existence and interests within an inclusive culture. The basic premise of our mission statement- 'Love to Learn, Shine and make a Difference' is by being gentle, being patient and being humble, providing our children with the values of respect and resilience with a strong sense of forgiveness, irrespective of faith or non-faith in our community.

*As a school with a church foundation our mission statement is, "Learn to love and shine!" by honouring the Fruits of the Spirit but above all else by being
"gentle, patient, humble and loving"
Ephesians 4:2-3*



ETHOS “Love to Learn”

To create a ‘love of learning’ through:

- ❖ Promoting a strong Christian ethos in which the learning community reflect the family values of love and respect for one another within a caring and tolerant community.
- ❖ Developing a positive Growth Mind-set;
- ❖ Providing a curriculum which is relevant and purposeful to the children at St. Paul's.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15: 12,13

To promote a ‘joy of learning’ through:

- ❖ Exciting and stimulating learning opportunities;
- ❖ Varied learning experiences which are creative and fun;
- ❖ Sharing and celebrating individual talents and skills;
- ❖ Providing a safe and stimulating environment.

To develop ‘peaceful, respectful learning’ through:

- ❖ Positively acknowledging diversity, irrespective of race, gender, sexuality, disability, faith, culture and background and embracing tolerance of the many differences within our developing world;
- ❖ Increasing personal responsibility towards the environment within the School, local Community and the wider world by developing a greater understanding of global issues in relation to local, national and Global contexts;
- ❖ Encouraging a collaborative Interdependent Learning Culture.

“Let there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

Corinthians 1: 10

‘Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.’

1 Samuel 25:6

Peace – this is one of the simplest, easiest ways to ensure that you always have a welcoming attitude. Focus on peace – in your heart, your home, and in the words you say – and everyone around you will feel welcome.

To Develop a strong sense of 'servant leadership' within the school community by:

- ❖ Aspiring to be positive and pro-active members of the learning community through the Christian value of Koinonia:
- ❖ Demonstrating humility and a passionate desire to support one another;
- ❖ Celebrating everyone is unique and valued within the learning community;
- ❖ Ensuring the family of St. Paul's feels loved, supported and encouraged to be individuals equipped to face the diverse challenges of society and the wider world
- ❖ Encouraging each member of the community to grow in confidence and have a desire to make a difference.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mind-set as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2:3-5

"SHINE"

To Shine with our learning by:

- ❖ Always striving to achieve our best;
- ❖ Ensuring basic skills are used creatively in a wide broad-based curriculum;
- ❖ Demonstrating a thirst for knowledge and understanding about the world;
- ❖ Showing strength of resilience and tolerance of others;
- ❖ Having an increased awareness of equality within a diverse community;
- ❖ Understanding personal strengths and areas for development and
- ❖ Celebrating personal successes and those of others within the community.

"You are the light of the world.....let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works"

Matthew 5: 13-18

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1Peter 4: 8-11

To provide opportunities for every child to make a difference and achieve their full potential and excellence in all developmental areas by ensuring:

- ❖ Teaching and learning is of the highest standard;
- ❖ The curriculum is broad, balanced and stimulating and relevant within the statutory National Curriculum requirements;
- ❖ Children are equipped with the appropriate tools and resources to support their learning;
- ❖ Communication skills reflect the school's Christian values both socially and within a rapidly developing technological world;
- ❖ Learning is inspirational, motivational and relevant, unlocking the potential of each individual's innermost skills and talents;
- ❖ The environment is stimulating and engaging, and encourages children to learn and play interactively with each other;
- ❖ Children and families are encouraged to be mentally and physically healthy;
- ❖ Promote confidence to demonstrate individuality through a strong sense of belonging and positive self-esteem;
- ❖ Our learning community is equipped to make a positive influential difference to the future of our children, society and the world.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8:12**



OUR CORE VALUES LINK TO THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.

Galations 5: 22-23

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

*Oh, God, Please hear us as we ask:
For eyes to see the best in everyone;
For ears to listen to how we feel;
For lips to be kind to those who need a
friend;
For the smile which sees I'm happy and I
care and
For the heart which loves each and
everyone.
For all of these we ask for guidance,
Today and everyday
In Jesus' name
Amen*

