

St Peter's Primary School Ethos

“...The fruit of the spirit is...

love, peace, kindness, gentleness, joy, patience, goodness,
faithfulness, self-control”

Galatians 5:22-23

Through our shared Christian values taken from Galatians, St Peter's school aims to ensure that all individual children are provided with a nurturing, stimulating and caring environment where they want to come to school and find pleasure, enjoyment, challenge and success in learning. As a school with a strong Christian ethos, we think of God's word and how he would expect us to live. We follow the teachings of Jesus, caring for all both in school and in the wider world, treating others as we would like to be treated- with dignity and respect. We treat all learners and their families and carers with equal respect, whether they are disabled or not, whatever their ethnicity, cultural or national status, and whatever their gender or sexual identity.

Our belief is that..

"Together we build success through faith, knowledge and understanding"

In order to achieve success we create a culture of learning, where industry and hard work is encouraged and where individual achievements, in all areas at all levels, are recognised and valued. We use direct teaching and examples to encourage consistent moral standards of honesty, trust, integrity, care, fairness and respect for others. All stakeholders have consistent and high expectations of children's learning, behaviour and attitudes and constantly aim to raise the self esteem and confidence of individuals, whilst enabling them to make realistic and honest evaluations of themselves, recognising their strengths and opportunities for development. We encourage a sense of responsibility for ourselves, our possessions, others, their possessions, the school environment and the environment in which we live.

It is the ambition of the Governors and staff to create a learning environment which gives the children the security of a caring family while providing a stimulating, challenging and meaningful education. We aim to achieve this through:

- ❖ The curriculum we offer.
- ❖ Our partnerships with our families and carers
- ❖ Our commitment to the children and staff and the relationships we build.
- ❖ The links with the church and the wider community.

We ensure that St Peter's provides a warm welcome for all who visit us and the children who join our school, promoting an attitude of mutual respect, tolerance and care for others, which is built on an appreciation of everyone's worth as an individual.

We respect difference and celebrate diversity. To support this we aim to provide a

broad, balanced and relevant curriculum which is appropriate to the needs of individual children and is supported by the framework of the National Curriculum.

We believe the curriculum we offer should:

- Help children to develop a positive attitude towards learning, encourage the children to see learning as a life-long process and enable them to adapt to new challenges.
- Develop able and confident communicators.
- Ensure all children, regardless of gender, culture or ability, have equal access to a broad, balanced relevant and enjoyable curriculum with opportunity for all to achieve success.
- Promote high standards of achievement and encourage all children to strive for excellence
- Develop personal qualities of independence, self-motivation, self-discipline, an awareness of the needs of others and the ability to work collaboratively
- Develop children's self-belief and confidence.
- Promote understanding, respect and harmony between people with different cultures, faiths and beliefs.
- Enable children to develop basic skills of Literacy and Numeracy in order to communicate and function in our society.
- Provide opportunity for children to develop individual strengths and talents.
- Provide skills, processes and ways of working which are relevant to all areas of the curriculum.
- Provide opportunity to develop knowledge, concepts and skills specific to areas of the curriculum in order to establish a broad outlook on life and an understanding of the world around them.
- Support the social, moral, creative, physical and spiritual development of the children.
- Encourage children to ask questions and seek answers to problems.

Through the school's collective worship we aim to:

- Develop a sense of belonging and community.
- Offer a Christian foundation through which the children can discover a faith or belief on which to base their lives.
- To promote children's spiritual, moral and social development.
- Develop a sense of awe and wonder and the opportunity for children to reflect and question.