



Sutton in Craven C.E (V.C) Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our new vision

In recent weeks' all staff and governors have been exploring and reviewing our school vision and agreed on the wording below which we believe represents our school accurately.

'Flourishing together, in the love of God, to live life in all its fullness.'

(Underpinned by " I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness." John 10:10)

How did we decide on the wording for the vision?

During the last half term, governors, school leaders and all school staff in collaboration with our diocesan senior advisor explored questions, alongside our long term priorities as a school, to establish what sort of vision statement would be appropriate for our school.

Questions included:

- Who are we as a school? Why are we here? How do we live?
- What would we want children be like when they leave?
- What do we want children to be able to do?
- What sort of spiritual and emotional development should they have?
- Are we happy with our current school values?
- What Biblical narrative is appropriate for our school?

All staff and governors discussed the outcomes of the questions and agree the new wording above.

Why review our vision?

The vision underpins and runs through everything we do in school; it is central to school development, policy, practice and decision making, to behaviour and attitudes of all, to the continued development of our curriculum and to the holistic development of all stakeholders in our school community. It is integral that all our children, parent/carers, staff and governors can articulate and live our vision clearly, with confidence and with pride.

It was important for us to review our vision as a new Church of England inspection framework was put in place in September 2018. The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. The new process involves looking at the school's Christian vision; the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish.



SIAMS inspectors do not look for a set template of what a Church school should be like, but rather take the particular context of the school into account, including the vision, and base their evaluation on the outcomes demonstrated by the school. Guidance from the Church of England states that the vision should be:

- inclusive & hospitable
- one in which children & adults are revered and respected
- acknowledge that we are members of a community loved by God
- demonstrate that pupils are helped to achieve their potential.

The next steps...

We need to underpin our vision, **'Flourishing together, in the love of God, to live life in all its fullness.'** with a narrative that brings the vision to life, gives examples of how we promote our vision and how we live our vision in school and in our community.

We would like your valued opinions and thoughts on our new vision to support this vital next step in bringing the vision alive. We would like you to think, reflect and respond to the questions below.

- What do the words in our vision mean to and for you, your child/children and family?
- What would you expect to see in school that reflects our vision???
- How can we promote our new school vision?

Please respond in the box below



Pupil voice

The children and their voice is also imperative to our school vision being a success and becoming embedded in all we do. Over the coming weeks, they will have multiple opportunities to look at the words of our vision in school; what they mean to them and how they can link chosen Christian Values to it. These Christian values will be the tools and drivers for living out our vision in school and in our community. They will be the way we live, the way we work collaboratively, the way we question and explore, the way we teach, learn and grow as well as being central to our behaviour and attitudes.

We know that home life can be very busy but would really appreciate your input and response to our new school vision. **Please could you send your responses back to us by Friday 28th February 2020.** This will enable us to move quickly with driving the school forward with a clear, distinctly Christian vision whereby all children flourish at Sutton in Craven C of E Primary School.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Campbell through the school office.

With very best wishes,

Mrs O Gibbons
Headteacher

