## **Our School Vision and Values**

Inspired to make a difference in God's world, with excellence and love.

**Love:** Putting others before ourselves. Developing a deep-rooted love for learning.

**Courage:** Commit to what is right and true. Do not be discouraged: persevere. Have the courage and confidence to stand up for what you believe is right and to have the voice to say it.

**Fellowship:** Working together to achieve shared goals. Overcoming and celebrating our differences

### Show **LOVE**

'...and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us.'

Ephesians 5:2



## Show **COURAGE**

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1: 5-9



## Show FELLOWSHIP

'And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another...'

Hebrews 1:24-25





# LOVE, COURAGE AND FELLOWSHIP



Inspired to make a difference in God's world, with excellence and love.

#### Love



Love is a core value for our school because we believe God is love and he showed his love for our world through Jesus and the way he taught us to treat one another. In the New Testament, love is described as agape (pronounced ah-gah-pay) which means the putting of others before ourselves whether they deserve it or not – a kind of selfless love-in-action.

In Ephesians 5:2, we are told: '...and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us.'

Jesus demonstrated this in the story of The Good Samaritan.

# How our vision is expressed in school life:

We actively show love to each other through small acts of kindness and through encouraging others with kind words and actions. We respect everyone, celebrate our differences and are stewards for God's wonderful world.

# Courage



Courage is a core value for our school because the history of Christianity is full of stories of courage and perseverance, even when it is hard.

In the book of Joshua, verse 9, God tells us to 'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go.' Jesus taught his followers that being courageous isn't always easy; sometimes it means giving something up that is important to you or to stand up for what you know is right.

# How our vision is expressed in school life:

We show courage by being ourselves, standing up for what is right and respecting each others' differences; persevering even when things are difficult and encouraging others to do the same. We try new things that challenge us and even when faced with a difficult choice, we try to make the right choice.

# **Fellowship**



Fellowship is a core value for our school because we are united together to achieve our shared goals; overcoming and celebrating our differences.

Hebrews 1: 24-25: 'And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another...' Through this, we recognise that with strength and support from our community, we are stronger and more powerful than when we are on our own. We are greater than the sum of our equal parts.

# How our vision is expressed in school life:

We show fellowship through learning to live together and collaborate with one another, whatever our differences may be. We encourage everyone to feel valued and to value the differences in others, both in our school community and wider afield. We try to think about how our actions may affect others. We encourage courageous advocacy for the things which we believe in and seek to find ways to support our world in becoming a better place.