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**John 10:10**

Opportunity Fulfilment Service

# St John’s C of E Primary School

## VISION AND VALUES

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## OUR VISION

### 1. Statement of intent

**“I came that they may have life, life in all its fullness”.**

**John 10:10**

Our vision for our school is built on this quotation from the Gospel of John.

At St John’s Church of England Primary School, Lemsford we are striving to be a community in which everyone is enabled to have a full life centred on God’s love: a life of **opportunity, fulfilment** and **service** to others.

### 2. Aim of this statement

St John’s is a nurturing, inclusive school where faith, knowledge and community thrive harmoniously. We are a school rooted in God’s love and Christian values, whose aim is that individuals can flourish academically, spiritually and morally thus preparing them to positively impact society with compassion and integrity.

We nourish the curiosity in each child by creating a safe, nurturing and inspiring learning environment which is shaped by our shared Christian values and driven by a desire to embrace challenge and to grow holistically.

Our community of children, parents, staff, governors and St John’s Church work together to enable all our children to become successful life-long learners in and beyond the classroom. We endeavour to equip them with respect for others, confidence in their own abilities, resilience in the face of challenge and flexible skills for life in abundance.

## OUR VALUES

### 3. The Values of this Vision

Our school values unite us and form the foundation for living to the full. Through them we are able to fulfil our vision.

#### Our schedule of Values

<b>Terms</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Associated bible reference</b>
Autumn 1	Hope and aspiration	<i>'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 a hope and a future.'</i> Jeremiah 29:11
Autumn 2	Peace and understanding	<i>'Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased.'</i> Luke 2: 14
Spring 1	Wisdom and truth	<i>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me."</i> John 14:6
Spring 2	Love and forgiveness	<i>'A new command I give you: As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ... So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other.'</i> John 13: 34
Summer 1	Dignity and respect	<i>'Treat others as you would like to be treated.'</i> Matthew 7:12
Summer 2	Courage and responsibility	<i>'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'</i> Joshua 1:9

#### **4. How values are part of our school life**

Our values are central to life at our school. The paired values complement one another and give opportunity to deepen our understanding of each. By focusing on them for a half term we are able to explore the values fully. These are some of the ways in which they guide our school life:

**Collective worship** – the values are integral to our daily collective worship. They are a focal point and connections are made to them in many ways including the stories that are chosen, the hymns that are sung, in the opportunities to reflect as well as in the prayers.

**Prayers** - each half term the children write prayers that focus on the values, these prayers are written after the first Collective Worship which introduces the values and are then shared in subsequent Collective Worship including in church.

**Teaching and learning** – throughout the school day children are reminded about the values and time is given to reflect on them and to make links with their learning.

The values are also part of our weekly newsletters and are displayed around school.

**Policies** – our policies reflect our values and form the foundations on which the policies are written and revised.

**School Improvement Plan** – the strands of development in our annual school improvement plan are founded on our school Vision and Values.

#### **5. Living a full life**

We also strive to support our children in leading a full life. We do this in a wide range of ways including supporting their personal development, through our nurture and care of the children, the provision of a wealth of opportunity in their school life and through an aspirational curriculum and through our inclusive provision.

#### **6. Ratification**

This statement was ratified by the Governing Body

**Signed**

**Chair of Governors**

**Date:**