



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

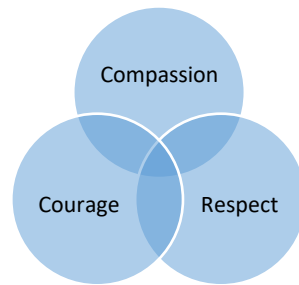
Dear Families of Silchester,

I do hope that you and yours have had an enjoyable week and that the weekend brings some fun and relaxation for you all. Thank you so much to those of you who were able to attend our Open Classrooms this week. The children were so proud to show off their work and it was lovely to have the school so full of family.

### Christian Values

I recently wrote to you all explaining that we were reviewing our School Christian Values. In doing so, staff and governors spent time considering what is important to the Silchester School community and what will underpin our ethos. In addition, I wrote to you all inviting you to share your thoughts by completing a survey. Lastly, we have been talking to the children to gain their perspective on what makes Silchester a special place to learn and grow as well as what they want to promote.

After much discussion, considering everyone's thoughts and in light of the survey response, there are 3 Christian values which are clearly ahead of the others. As a result, I'm delighted to share that our new values are:



It was so lovely to read your written responses also and to gain a feel for the collective desires for the direction of the school. Overall, it is clear to see that the emotional, moral, social and spiritual wellbeing of our children remains at the heart of what we do as parents, as educators and as a community.

With the new values decided, our school vision is amended to reflect the change. We will now begin work in school embedding our values and ensuring that they guide our decision making and support our journey of school improvement. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave their time to contribute to this process. Your involvement is both appreciated and valued – many thanks.

### Our Vision:

The vision we share at Silchester is one in which every child is nurtured and valued. Our core Christian values of Compassion, Courage and Respect surmise our ethos and ensure that the well-being of children remains the heart of our school. We embrace individuality and foster a sense of belonging within our community. It is our aim that every child leaves our school inspired to continue their own learning, and enriched by lasting memories of positive relationships, engaging experiences, and a moral and spiritual foundation for life.

### Vision and Values Art Competition

Calling all budding artists – children and parents! We are hoping to create a piece of artwork or a mural that depicts our Vision and Values. We would like for children to look at this art work and be able to articulate our distinctively Christian values and ethos; an image they can remember long after they've left that encourages them in times of trial, and inspires them to be the best version of themselves - no pressure! We would like to launch a competition and encourage you and your family to contribute any ideas and artwork. All contributions gratefully received!

Examples from other local church schools can be seen below:



### Reminders and headlines

- PGL – Our Year 6 pupils and team are off to PGL residential next week. We wish them so much fun and adventure. Can't wait to hear all about it and share some photos of your experiences when you get back.
- In the light of our new Vision and Values, we will be renewing our systems and processes for rules, rewards and behaviour. Look out for information coming next week!
- Harvest Festival is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – all donations of food will be given to the foodbank.
- PTA AGM is going to be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. Please see PTA Facebook page for more information.

Wishing you all a great weekend and looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday,

Kind Regards,

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