



## Silchester Church of England Primary Values Survey

Dear Parents and Carers

Since arriving at Silchester, it is apparent that the children, staff, governors and families are passionate about the school and working together to create a caring environment within which children flourish socially and emotionally as well as academically. This is an integral part of being a Church of England school. We really do care about the holistic wellbeing of your children and are keen to positively influence the culture, values and vision of our school. We are keen to ensure that our collective direction is rooted in, and guided by, authenticity and integrity.

As the school has experienced lots of change in recent years, we are revising our School Christian values. In doing so, we invited Sue Bowen (Advisory Teacher from the Diocese) to lead a training session with our staff and governors on Tuesday evening. We discussed our current values, looked at several more and made a shortlist.

Key questions we asked ourselves when considering our values were:

- Why do we do the roles/jobs that we do?
- What values represent our school and community?
- Which values will support our children in their life beyond primary school?

To ensure that we decide on the values which best answer those questions, we really want to know your thoughts.

Below are 12 values with their church definition included. These values describe what the church believe to be of utmost importance in life, how we personally should act as people in the world and describe the ethos that we want to underpin within our community. Please read through and consider which values you feel are most important for our school to represent. Should you wish to contribute your opinion, please click on the link below to complete a short survey and share your thoughts.

**Love** – Selfless service to others – putting others before ourselves.

**Justice** – Standing up for fairness and equal opportunities – defending the weak and powerless.

**Creativity** – Making use of our gifts to care for the world and create beauty within it.

**Peace** – Having openness and understanding so that people can live life to the full.

**Courage** – Enduring in our commitment to what is right and true – not giving in to discouragement.

**Grace** – Displaying generosity and kindness – showing care for others.

**Truth** – Living with integrity – saying what we mean and meaning what we say.

**Compassion** – Showing empathy for the struggles of others and enabling them to make a new start.

**Trust** – Sharing responsibility for each other and refusing to live in doubt and suspicion.

**Friendship** – Working together to achieve shared goals – overcoming our differences.

**Hope** – Sharing in the joy that comes from the belief that all is never lost.

**Respect** – Valuing each other and celebrating our differences.

Values survey link:

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Alternate QR code to access Silchester Christian Values Survey



The final part of this process is gaining the all-important views of the children. We will do this in school through class collective worships.

Once we have gained the views of all stakeholders, we will decide on our School Christian Values and share them with you all. These will in turn directly link to the development of our school rules, behaviour policy, curriculum experiences, interactions and relationships.

Thank you very much for your time, thoughts and contributions.

Kind regards

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