



St. Luke's Vision and Christian Values

We are a Christian school that serves a diverse community and works in partnership with parents to develop the whole child.

Everything we do at St. Luke's is driven by our vision and our five core Christian values, which have been developed in consultation with children, staff, governors and parents. As a Church of England School our values have their roots in the Christian faith and are outlined below

Core Christian Values	What it says in the Bible	What it looks like in St. Luke's
<p>Compassion</p>	<p>Having the courage to care (Exodus 2:1 - 10)</p> <p>There are many stories in the Bible about Jesus and others noticing people's needs and having the courage to care and to make a difference. In Colossians 3:12 the Bible asks us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. It is important to stand with people who are suffering.</p> <p>Can you recall an item of news this week that has aroused your compassion? Why?</p>	<p>Being aware of other children in the classroom and playground who might need encouragement or extra care to help them get through a difficult times.</p> <p>Being of aware that at times people in our families and communities may need our help and prayers.</p> <p>Being aware of the wider suffering in the world and our responsibility as Christians, to try and help.</p>
<p>Respect</p>	<p>Valuing others as we would like to be valued (Matthew 7:12)</p> <p>Jesus words from the Gospel of Matthew are still inspiring nations today, with this 'Golden Rule' guiding the practices of the United Nations. Sometimes following the Golden Rule means we need to make difficult choices between doing what most pleases ourselves, and respecting and serving others. 1 Peter 2:17 encourages us to show proper respect to everyone, even if they think differently to us.</p> <p>Who has earned your respect and why?</p>	<p>All people need to be treated with dignity and respect, ourselves included.</p> <p>We need to be respectful of our school, local and global environment so that everyone can benefit from it.</p> <p>We need to maintain a respectful approach, even when those around us are failing to do so.</p>

<p>Perseverance</p>	<p>Keeping going against all odds (Philippians 4:13)</p> <p>Philippians 4:13 reminds us that we can do all things through God who strengthens us. Sometimes we need perseverance and courage to meet the challenges that we face. The Bible talks about life being like a race and reminds us to keep going until we meet the finishing line.</p> <p>What encourages you and inspires you to persevere through difficult times?</p>	<p>Even when we encounter difficulties in our learning we need to be determined to overcome them.</p> <p>We need to have the courage to take risks and challenge ourselves in our learning.</p> <p>We need to have the confidence to keep doing what we know to be right even when others are choosing to do something different.</p>
<p>Trust</p>	<p>Knowing Jesus is with us in stormy times (Mark 4:35 - 41)</p> <p>It is sometimes difficult to trust when we are worried or frightened. The story of the 'Calming of the Storm' in Mark's Gospel reminds us that even in the toughest times we should have faith and trust in Jesus. It is also important to remember that God puts other people around us that we can trust and that we should be trustworthy.</p> <p>In your own eyes, what makes a person trustworthy?</p>	<p>We need to remember there are people both at home and at school who are there to help us through difficult times.</p> <p>It is important that other people can trust us, we need to be honest and truthful.</p>
<p>Forgiveness</p>	<p>Forgiving others as God has forgiven you (Matthew 18:21 - 35)</p> <p>The story of 'The Unforgiving Servant' reminds us that God is prepared to forgive anything we have done wrong; in return however we should be ready to forgive others. Forgiveness means that we can begin with a clean slate, in other words we have a completely fresh start. Are we prepared to forgive and not hold a grudge against others.</p> <p>'Forgive and forget' - how helpful or wise is this saying?</p>	<p>Even though it is sometimes hard to forgive, we must remember the example of Jesus, who forgave us so that we could forgive each other.</p> <p>Unless we forgive we can remain trapped by our bitterness to others.</p>