



Whitwick St. John the Baptist CE Primary School Vision, Mission, Ethos and Strategic Direction.

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Vision

Grow, achieve, bloom, repeat...

Aims

Grow: to provide a school community built on the foundations of our 'Christian Values', within which the children feel safe, welcome, included, challenged and nurtured and where they can grow personally, academically, socially and spiritually.

Achieve to provide a relevant, creative and exciting curriculum where all learners achieve their full potential within our Christian community and are prepared for their future.

Bloom: to ensure that success and difference is celebrated.

Repeat: to ensure that children become lifelong learners and responsible citizens, with the understanding that effort leads to improvement and ultimately the feeling of success.

Mission Statement

We are an open and welcoming Christian family who enable children to embrace the wider world. Whilst developing communication skills, ambitions for the future and confidence, they are encouraged to seize new experiences and be ready for the next step in their education.

Ethos or Values

Our school is built upon:

Life-Long Values - Perseverance, Concentration, Independence, Teamwork, Making Links & Taking Risks

Christian Values - Trust, Kindness, Love, Tolerance, Honesty & Respect

Health and Sport Value - Self-belief, Determination, Teamwork, Passion, Honesty & Respect.

Strategic Direction

The school will develop our children to be-

- **Confident and productive at learning and working in teams.** We will achieve this through exciting class lessons, older children supporting younger children, team sports, the school council, the chaplaincy team and playground pals.
- **Independent and resourceful learners.** We will achieve this through individual class work, homework and projects.
- **Resilient.** We will develop this through the “Route to Resilience”, forest schools, emotional literacy support (ELSA) and alternative provision like the chickens and the garden.
- **Skilled in literacy.** This will include a love of reading, an excellent library, strong vocabulary & good comprehension. The children will be able to write fluently, legibly and quickly with good grammar, spelling and punctuation. Children will be at or above national average unless their special individual needs preclude this.
- **Skilled in maths.** Class lessons will be focused on teaching both the basic maths concepts and mastery of arithmetic skills, including number manipulation and quickly recalling multiplication up to 12x12. Children will be at or above national average unless their special individual needs preclude this.
- **IT literate.** The children will have an appropriate knowledge and understanding of computing and e-safety, and will be confident and competent with a range of IT applications and programmes.
- **Inquisitive, with a well-rounded knowledge and understanding of all subjects.** We will achieve this by teaching a broad and balanced curriculum and by the Christian ethos of the school.
- **Confident, safe and socially skilled.** We will achieve this through the ethos and values of the school, the emphasis on developing individual children to their full potential and through opportunities for confidence-building activities like sports, school plays and residential visits.

We will underpin all the above by a strong partnership between the school and home, which will be manifested in a high level of parental engagement in the school.

We will fully support all groups of children to make the very best progress that they can, irrespective of their gender, any disadvantages, disabilities or special educational needs. All the children will know success and pride in their achievements. They will be able to look back at their time at Whitwick St John's and remember their special moments. We will challenge higher-attaining pupils to learn at an even wider and deeper level. We will ensure that all pupils are fully prepared for smooth and easy transition to secondary school.

The preschool will reflect and support all these points by developing their children for an easy transition into EYFS. The breakfast and after-school provision will also support and reinforce the children's development outlined above, but in a more informal and fun way. We will fill the preschool and expand the wraparound provision to meet the needs of the children and the community.

The development plan will reflect this strategic direction.

The governors believe that this strategic direction is best achieved by the school continuing its status as a maintained school with strong collaboration with other local schools through the Collaborative Partnership, the Forest Way Teaching School Alliance and the Coalville Family of Schools.

