School Values



Underpinning our school vision

Through Faith and Nurture we Thrive.
'Life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

are our school values.



Be Loving **Be Respectful** **Be Responsible** **Be Positive** **Be You**

Theological Links

The **Farewell Discourse** in John (chapters 13-17) theologically underpins all our school values. In the Discourse, Christ commands His disciples to imitate His loving example in order to flourish and 'bear fruit'.
At The Federation of Farnham and Rickling Primary Schools, we recognise that we flourish in much the same way – by taking our cue from Christ's character, and placing His love at the heart of our community ethos. The 'fruit' of this love are all our other school values – respect, responsibility, positivity and the valuing of our own unique gifts.

'Life in all its fullness' is grounded in Christ's love, and is what happens when these values are lived out with commitment.

Be Loving

Love, as commanded by Christ (John 13:34), requires discipline and obedience, but it is what holds our school community together. It is something that we actively demonstrate in the way that we deal with each other.

- We will treat all members of our community with kindness.
- We will nurture positive friendships.
- We help each other to grow, ensuring that we celebrate our uniqueness.
- We are warm hearted and considerate.
- We understand that if we love others, we receive love.
- We believe and can show that love means sharing and caring.
- We understand that by being loving we can be forgiving.
- We are mindful of others' feelings.

Be Respectful

All members of a community grounded in Christ's love have equal value, and are equally capable of giving glory to Christ (John 17:10). Respect is the means by which we demonstrate our equal value to each other. We also respect our school and local environment as the shared space which we inhabit.

- We will treat each other with respect.
- We will be honest.
- We will look after property and our surroundings.
- We will take care of the environment and know and show how we can protect it for future generations.
- We will listen when others are speaking and speak when it is our turn.
- We will appreciate differences and similarities and we do not discriminate.
- We will use good manners.
- We will use appropriate and positive language.

Be Responsible

Christ recognised that His love gave Him certain responsibilities: to do whatever is asked in His name (14:3), to send the Holy Spirit after His departure (14:16), to take His disciples to the heavenly rooms He has prepared for them (14:3). Through the discharging of these responsibilities, Christ creates the conditions for His disciples to flourish. We have different responsibilities, but our responsibility to ensure the flourishing of our community is the same.

- We will take responsibility for our actions.
- We will make the right choices.
- We will contribute fairly, honestly and actively as a member of our school and community.
- We will take responsibility for our safety.
- We will show that we are ready to learn by being organised.
- We will look after our school.
- We accept challenges.
- We are reliable.

Be Positive

'The world' in the Farewell Discourse (and in the Gospel of John as a whole) is a malevolent and negative power – what it intends for the disciples is the opposite of flourishing. It is important to be aware of the difficulties we face in learning and in life, but also to recognise that in Christ, we have a means of overcoming them: 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world' (16:33b).

- We will not give up when things get difficult.
- We will strive to do our best.
- We will learn from our mistakes.
- We will have a positive attitude and understand that this will lead to positive outcomes.
- We will make the most of opportunities given to us.
- We will have belief in what we can do.
- We will have courage to take calculated risks.
- When we succeed, we can find joy.

Be You

The best version of you is the you shaped by the character of Christ. This does not mean we are all the same, however. The fruit we bear when we are engrafted in Christ is made possible by Him (John 15:5), but also bears the marks of our own unique character and gifts.

- We celebrate our uniqueness.
- We are proud to be who we are.
- We will develop our own personal skills, talents and character so that we have strong foundations for positive health and wellbeing and a lifelong love of learning.
- We are proud of our common heritage and democratic traditions.
- We will believe in ourselves and stand up for what's right.
- We want to be the best we can be.
- We take pride in all that we do.
- We have dreams that excite and inspire us.