

The Abbey School's Vision, Mission, Values and Aims

Over the last 12 months The Abbey School Governing Board has been working on refreshing our school vision and values. The Governing Board would like to thank the parents for their input at the Parent Governor Forum, and to the children who have helped bring these words to life. We have also benefitted from external facilitators, and the views of the staff and our senior leadership, to deliver vision and values for our whole school community.

What is a Vision?

A **vision** statement describes our destination, where we want to go and what we aspire to be.

Our Vision Statement

To build foundations, inspired by Christian values, that nurture and empower confident citizens of the future to lead and serve.

What are Values?

Values describe the guiding principles of our school and how we want to behave and interact.

They describe "how" we will deliver our Mission. They will show how we will behave and act on our journey.

We work hard to achieve our aims and live up to **Our Christian Values**:

- **Thankfulness**
- **Love**
- **Friendship**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Wisdom**
- **Trust**
- **Justice**
- **Endurance**

What is a Mission?

A **mission** is our core purpose, why we exist. It explains how we will to get to our Vision.

Our Mission

Together we learn, we care, we achieve – for ourselves, for each other, and for the community in which we live.

What are Aims?

Aims are specific things we will do to deliver our Mission and achieve our Vision. They usually describe what we will do and what will be different as a result. Aims are usually measurable or trackable.

Our Aims

- Our **school environment** provides a safe, nurturing, positive and dynamic learning place, shaped by our Christian values, that enables us to grow – intellectually, spiritually, creatively and physically
- Our **teaching** offers a broad, challenging and outstanding education that every pupil can access to reach their full potential
- Our **approach to learning** will nurture the skills, motivation and working habits that inspire a positive attitude to independent learning and thinking so that every pupil approaches the future with confidence
- We will nurture and celebrate British values (democracy, rule of law, individual freedom, mutual respect and tolerance of difference) and promote awareness of the world around us, so that pupils are **responsible citizens**
- We **value the unique individuality** of each member of the whole school community. We celebrate those things we have in common and our differences
- We work in **constructive partnership** with parents and carers to achieve outstanding outcomes for every child

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