



# Christian Values for our School- September 2021-2023

Dear Parents,

Here at Little Houghton we feel strongly that we have the ability to equip our children with a set of values which will make an impact on their future happiness and well-being, as well as that of society in general. We also know that our values determine the kind of person we are.

With this in mind, we have run a successful programme of Christian values over the last two years. Now we are looking to review and change these values in order to build on this work and deepen the children's understanding of our current Christian values

As part of our partnership with parents, we would like to consult with you and take your thoughts and views into account. So please do let us know what you think via the response sheet below.

These new values will epitomise the way we behave in our school so they must be 'owned' and modelled by us all. Detailed below is a summary of each of the chosen values.

Regards *Carolyn Fairbrother*

## Friendship

This value is a good value to start the school year with, as children will begin to make new friendships or rekindle old friendships.

Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.

## Peace

This value moves us towards Christmas. Peace-making actions can range from helping to resolving conflict to creating space for stillness. Peace, in the sense of total well-being, is God's intention for the whole of creation, and is a promise that awaits ultimate fulfilment.

## Creativity

New Year – see the bigger picture  
Christians believe all life is a 'gift', entrusted by a loving creator God to humankind for a purpose. This purpose is glimpsed as the creative spirit within each person as they learn to value and explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its mystery and diversity. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all.

## Forgiveness

This value moves us towards Easter. Forgiveness is the means by which damaged relationships are restored. It is an act of the will, motivated by love. For Christians, Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate revelation of God's forgiving love, and his sacrifice stands as a source of inspiration to forgive others, no matter what the cost.

# Perseverance

SATs and Assessment time!

Jesus frequently encouraged his disciples to “endure patiently” the difficulties and obstacles they encountered and to persevere in the face of adversity. He himself trusted in God even when his enemies tried to stop his work and plotted his death.

# Wisdom

Moving on, moving up!

Christians believe true wisdom comes from God. As a believer grows in faith, so wisdom will increase. In the Bible, wisdom is seen both as a gift from God and as a characteristic of God. In his parables Jesus taught that placing trust in God and recognising what is of value in life brings fulfilment.

**So in our school we believe that:**

- ❖ **We are part of a Christian community**
- ❖ **We should show friendship and forgiveness towards one another**
- ❖ **We should be peaceful in our dealings with each other and trust that God will show wisdom in how he guides us.**
- ❖ **We should be creative and develop perseverance in our love and kindness towards each other**
- ❖ **God is a source of strength for us all**

Please respond on the slip below, detach and return to the school office if you wish to comment on the values detailed above:

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My comments on this new programme of Christian values:

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Thank you.