



# Christian Values for our School

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*

## Community



This value is about how we see ourselves as members of a community in which everyone has something to offer to the whole. It is about how we work together co-operatively and support each other. It is about our links with the church and how the school lies at the heart of the local community.

## Generosity



This value is about how we can make a difference for others and the world. We encourage each other to serve others and change the world for the better as Jesus taught. We serve a generous God so we will try to be generous with our time, possessions and skills.

## Truthfulness



This value is about understanding that truthfulness is more than just telling the truth, it means our actions should be in accord with our thoughts and words. Jesus describes himself as 'the way, the truth and the life' John 14. We want to learn how to speak the truth without judging others.

## Dignity



This value is about standing strong and tall when times are hard, it is about standing up for your beliefs. Dignity is about being an example through your deeds and through your words. It shows in your deep love, warmth and kindness towards one another.

# Justice



This value is about learning to do good, to look for fairness and try to correct things that are unfair. It is about trying to do what God has asked of us and to show kindness. It is about us trusting in God's words.

# Courage



This value is about being bold and confident. In the Bible, courage is the opposite of fear. When God is protecting and guiding us, we can have courage because we are confident in Him. It is about supporting each other to be courageous.

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

- ❖ **We are part of a Christian community**
- ❖ **We should show generosity and kindness towards one another**
- ❖ **We should be truthful in our dealings with each other and trust that God will be fair and just in how he guides us.**
- ❖ **We should provide dignity for all through showing deep love towards each other**
- ❖ **God is a source of courage and 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.