

Foreword To All School Policies

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Rationale

The following pages are the foreword to all of our school policies and should be read before every policy as they place our work in its full context.

Fundamental Principle

Everything which happens at our school is underpinned by:

- Our Vision Statement
- Our 6Cs Curriculum
- Our School's Values – *Joy, Kindness, Love, Peace, Patience, Self-control*
- Safeguarding
- Equal Opportunities and Inclusion

These form the cornerstone of all of our policies and practice.

Our Vision Statement

At Milldown CE Academy School our vision is to foster a thriving community built around our common desire to **INSPIRE, BELIEVE & ACHIEVE**. Our vision is rooted in the foundations of our Christian faith expressed in the words of Jesus, "*I am the way, the truth and the life.*" John 14. 6

I am the Way: INSPIRE - We will create an environment in which our children develop a love of learning, fostering curiosity and a 'can do' approach. We will support children to become resilient and resourceful, inquisitive and reflective, confident and motivated, empowered and skilled. We will motivate and inspire all within our school community to aim high in all areas of schooling, to grasp creatively and courageously the opportunities offered to them as members of the community of Milldown School.

I am the Truth: BELIEVE - Underpinning our love of learning is our belief that each child irrespective of ability, gender, race, and sexuality is loved, valued and uniquely made in God's image. With a relentless focus on our Christian values of *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience Kindness, and Self-Control* (Galatians 5: 22-23.) We will build a community in which children feel safe

and supported are loved and valued. We recognise that we live in a challenging and complex world and therefore, we aim to encourage each child to understand their role in the world, to be confident in their identity, to understand their purpose whilst respecting the rights, beliefs and values of children, families, communities and cultures that differ from their own. As a result, we believe that all our children will become pillars of the community.

I am the Life: ACHIEVE - Together, we will continually strive to remove the fear of failure and overcome the barriers to success. We will create a culture of aspiration and ambition and will take pride in leading the children of Milldown on their journey, both educational and for life; enabling them to drive their own futures to greater success, to achieve beyond their own expectations and to shape the life of our community for the better.

Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life: INSPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

Our Curriculum Statement – A Learning Adventure Without Horizons

Milldown CE Academy is an exciting place to be. The curriculum places our Christian Values at its heart and aims to develop the whole child. Our curriculum places high expectations on all children and aims to nurture each child's love and passion for learning. Through offering exciting and authentic topics and learning experiences, we are able to value each child's uniqueness. Our 6C curriculum ensures that children leave us equipped with the skills needed to succeed now and in the future. A strong focus on community allows children to see the importance of community to overall wellbeing - be it our school, local area or wider afield - and how through their actions they can have a positive impact on the world around them.

Our School's Christian Values

Through their experiences at our school, children and adults learn about God's love and gain a real understanding of our school Christian values both within the context of our caring, Christian-based environment and within the wider world.

Our Christian values are embedded in all aspects of the school's life, not just R.E. and Worship. Our school's Christian values are explored and referenced across the curriculum frequently. Vitally as a church school, what makes our values 'Christian values' is that they are linked to Christianity (Fruits of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23) and placed within a Christian context.

Our Values are: ***Joy, Kindness, Love, Peace, Patience, Self-control***

Safeguarding

Milldown CE Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our children.

This unequivocal principle underpins all aspects of every policy.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development (SMSC)

The Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of all learners / stakeholders is inherent in all school policies and practice. Stakeholders must seek every opportunity to develop and enrich the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural understanding and appreciation of all members of our school family.

Equal Opportunities and Inclusion

All children are given equal opportunities at our school irrespective of race, gender, creed, nationality or level of ability. Mutual respect and tolerance for all is promoted at Milldown CE Academy.