

## **Let your light shine!**

The Vision for our school springs from Jesus Christ's teaching in his 'Sermon on the Mount'.

***“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see.”***

St Matthew 5:14-15 (*New Living Translation*)

### What does this mean to us?

We believe that, in the eyes of God, we are all special and we each have a unique blend of personality and gifts or talents. At Tritlington, our vision is to nurture these talents so that each of us has the opportunity to become the best we can be. We want our pupils to flourish, thrive and excel, so that their lives make a positive and precious difference - in their classrooms, throughout the school, in their homes and their communities. Our goal is to prepare our children to make their own, unique contribution to a diverse society and be confident, happy citizens. To summarise, letting our light shine is all about:

**'Being the best we can be, for ourselves and others.'**

### How do we help others shine?

At Tritlington School, we learn together, putting God's love into action. We provide a caring and enjoyable learning experience where the interests of the children are at the heart of everything that we do. Our vision is to provide our pupils with an innovative, broad and balanced curriculum, underpinned with challenge and high expectations, which prepares them to play their own important part in life in our diverse society.

Our light shines through:

- our commitment to relationships that are warm, truthful, caring, compassionate and forgiving.
- our learning about faith: this is central to the life of school and community, as is our relationship with the Church family and our Christian worship.
- our policies and practices, which promote high standards in learning, teaching and behaviour in all aspects of school life.
- our continuous work to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all.
- our responsibility as stewards of the Earth, caring for our environment and the life that inhabits it.
- honest review and evaluation processes, to ensure that our light is shining as brightly as it can.

Our vision guides us in all that we aspire to be, enabling every part of our community to grow and develop. Our life together is shaped by six core values:

**LOVE - COMPASSION - PERSEVERANCE - FRIENDSHIP - COURAGE - TRUST**

Our values flow from Christ's life and teaching and are at the heart of everything that we do. They guide us, ground us and bind us. Therefore every family from across our community, including those of different faiths and no faith, are welcomed at Tritlington Church of England School.

**By listening to the teachings of Jesus, by following the example of Jesus,  
by living out our values and letting them shape all that we do,  
we say to every member of our community:**

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## Our six core values

Every day we aspire to grow in **Love, Compassion, Perseverance, Friendship, Courage and Trust** so that our school family may experience the joy and hope of “life in all its fullness” (John 10:10).

Of all the beautiful values that flow from the teaching of Jesus Christ, why these six?

We chose them as a result of extensive discussions with pupils, parents, governors, staff and our Church. Our values are at the heart of our vision and underpin our entire school curriculum.



**LOVE** - is our key value, the root of all other values. Above all else, we want to grow in the self-giving love of God, who welcomes all, respects all, cares for all and includes all; regardless of race or background.

**“Love one another as I have loved you.”** (John 15:12)



**COMPASSION** - empathy with others, and desire to help. We act with compassion for all members of our school community and seek to show compassion in the wider world.

**“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.”** (2 Corinthians 1:3)



**PERSEVERANCE** - Keeping going whatever the challenge in order to make the most of the gifts God gave us and to always do our best.

**“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”** (Philippians 4:13)



**FRIENDSHIP** - Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible by the cross and resurrection of Jesus. True friendship enables each person to flourish and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised.

**“If one falls down, a friend can lift him up.”** (Ecclesiastes 4:10)



**COURAGE** - We recognise the importance of building courage and resilience in our children to carry on when things get tough and to stand up for what they believe in.

**“Be strong and of good courage. Do not fear or be afraid for the Lord your God, he is the one who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”** (Deuteronomy 31:6)



**TRUST** - Trust is the very essence of faith; trust in the God who is trustworthy. Trust is important in our relationships in school. We put our trust in our adults, and work at being trustworthy people ourselves.

**“Do not be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”** (Joshua 1:9)