IQ1 – How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision enable children and adults to flourish?



Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our children to be confident, caring and happy citizens.

OUR VISION STATEMENT: "We nurture a school community where everyone experiences a love of learning and of life; everyone is able to 'shine' and grow in God's Love."

"Let your Light Shine." Matthew 5: 16



At Wybunbury Delves we aim:

- To know Jesus, Light of the World;
- To be the guiding light on the path of each child's learning journey;
- To light the spark for a love of learning and of life;
- For our children to become leading lights in our community and our world;
- For every child to shine.

Our Ethos

We are a caring family, a Christian community where everyone adopts an "I can" attitude; everyone feels valued, safe and loved by God. We celebrate our God-given individuality, achievements and talents and we aspire, with God's help, to become the best that we can be – TO SHINE. We believe that each one of us has the ability to achieve our highest potential, living and learning in the fullness of God.



Our Motto ~ 'Towards the Light' is accessible to all, those of faith and those of no faith.



Our vision at Wybunbury Delves is aspirational. Our vision is clear that we want all children, regardless of background or starting points, to experience a full and rich curriculum that sees them flourish and with our trust placed in God we can SHINE. This supports the Church of England and Trust vision that everyone will experience 'life in all its fullness'. The school's values are based on the teachings of Jesus as found in the Bible.

Through Collective Worship and RE teaching, children will learn about the life and teachings of Jesus, and how these affect the lives of those who follow Him. They will find out what the Bible means to Christians, and reflect

on what it means to them. Symbols are an important visual aid to reflecting on our core values. You will see crosses and other Christian symbols all around our school building, as well as display boards and reflective prayer areas. As a result of this, our children are able to talk about Wybunbury's Christian values and can articulate how they can live out these values in their lives. Worship is made accessible to all, children are able to confidently talk about the teachings of Jesus and Bible stories, ask questions and reflect on what it means to them and how they should live.





Children leave our school 'high school ready' by possessing broad knowledge and skills taken from the rich range of opportunities and curricular and extra-curricular experiences that school has to offer. School offers a range of extra-curricular activities, trips and residentials for all children to access in which pupils are provided with opportunities to live out our school vision. Residentials within school show a positive impact on the physical, social and emotional development of pupils and provide multiple opportunities for spiritual development and allowing children to experience the wonders of nature outside of school. Class trips and events within school provide children with experiences that some may not have and allow all children to learn through experimental based activities.



School is quick to identify vulnerable children as they enter into school and seeks to support these children from an early stage. Our ethos is to nurture and build strong relationships with our children and their families. Our Senior Mental Health Lead and PHSE Lead have developed our own wellbeing programme which is part of our children. Our children feel safe here and have trusted adults. Our children, staff and families recognise that Wybunbury Delves is a family and that family support, love and nurture is

the norm for all our children. Our ELSA lead supports children to understand their emotions. We have a Sensory Shed – a place of calm and peace, a place to take time out and overcome barriers with the right support; our Prayer Shed – offers a peaceful space to be with God, to reflect, pray, just be still or participate in activities.

Within all year groups, our children are taught to reflect within not only worship but also through opportunities in lessons. Children are frequently taught to build upon these existing skills to ensure that they develop a questioning approach to the world in which we live.



Through the development of self-evaluation opportunities which are embedded into lessons across the curriculum, our children are beginning to develop their resilience, to take that spark for learning and to shine, enabling them to flourish and reach their full potential. Our school motto "Towards the Light" is at the core of everything we do.

Staff ensure that we offer "a safe and welcoming place for all God's children" (Valuing God's Children, 2017). We seek to ensure that everyone knows they are important and valuable to God.

Our whole school curriculum, our lighthouse, is shaped by our school vision which aims to enable all children, regardless of background, ability or additional needs, to flourish and to become the very best version of themselves.

Visual invitations to Christianity are embedded throughout school by way of displays in the entrance, down corridors, within the staffroom and as reflective areas within each classroom where class values and thoughts about these and how they can be demonstrated are displayed.

All collective worship provides opportunities for both children and adult reflection and interaction, stillness and thought. Children are given responsibility for leading certain sections of worship.



Our PSHE curriculum - Heartsmart - challenges stereotypes and encourages children to think about the 'Big Questions' in life such as 'What makes up a person's identity?' and 'How can our choices make a difference to others and the environment?'. Children are guided to follow the example of Jesus and live as Jesus lived through modelling love and acceptance for all.

Staff discuss the importance of celebrating differences and diversity ensuring that strategies are implemented so that we show God's love to all. Our school aims are directed towards preparing each child for life beyond Wybunbury Delves.

To accomplish this, we aspire to ensure equal opportunities for every individual, promote respect for all and prepare each child for the opportunities and responsibilities of adult life, enabling them to make a positive contribution to society. Open-ended questions are asked to the children in lessons to ensure that



they are being challenged appropriately.



We encourage our children to become leading lights in our community and the wider world. To think about our place in our world and how small actions can build to make big differences.

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