

Wateringbury CE Primary School

Our Vision is our guiding light and benchmark for success. It helps to guide our decision-making, shape our actions and drives the direction of our school. Despite our current success, there is always room for improvement and we focus our efforts on making the Vision a daily reality.

Our Christian values are at the heart of our school Vision and ethos. We bring values to life to champion a way of living with each other based on love, peace, wisdom, forgiveness, compassion and justice and to build a strong sense of community. Against this moral framework, we reject intolerance, prejudice and injustice. We are an inclusive school community, welcoming those of different faiths, and of none, promoting tolerance and respect and celebrating diversity. We want children to understand why our values are relevant and important to them growing up as engaged 21st century citizens making a positive contribution to a diverse society and global community.

As a Primary school, we play a critical role in preparing children for life. We put in place the building blocks that set them on a lifelong journey of learning, discovery, realisation of potential and happiness; and prepare them for their next steps into secondary school and the world of the future. Our school provides a safe, stable, supportive and stimulating environment, where all are welcomed and valued. Our staff and volunteers create a community of learning that contributes to important milestones and positive memories for our pupils.

We are stronger together. We are a dedicated, energetic and united team, working as one to deliver our goals. As staff, parents, governors and other volunteers, we work in close partnership and with all able to contribute. We recognise our staff's dedication to a career in education.

Our pupils are motivated and excited to be at school, keen to learn, and active participants in all we do. We link learning and lessons to real life, using experts and resources to make the curriculum relevant and the learning opportunities rich and engaging. We deliver lessons innovatively, creatively and enthusiastically, sparking an innate joy of learning.

We give children and teachers the resources they need to learn and teach effectively and we continually seek to identify and remove barriers to learning. We develop confidence, resilience, independence and resourcefulness by teaching and demonstrating a wide range of skills, with particular emphasis on listening, speaking and learning skills. We promote and model healthy lifestyles, valuing the positive impact that good physical, mental and emotional health has upon learning and the life of the school.

Our staff, including an extensive support staff, know the children very well and flex and adapt accordingly.

Our goal is to be a great school, setting high and consistent standards and expectations with uncompromising aspirations for all, regardless of their starting point. We aim high: in the quality of teaching and learning we provide and in the standards we set for attendance, behaviour, effort, progress and attainment. We recognise and develop the potential of every child and every colleague and celebrate their individual and collective achievements

We have a smooth-running school and a welcoming and friendly culture. Our pupils and staff are happy and proud to be associated with our school. We are the obvious school of choice for all local families and a school that others look to emulate and learn from.

We value our place at the heart of our local community but we are equally aware of our role in the global community. We believe in the importance of building strong and successful partnerships between school and home, with those in our local and wider community, the church, alumni and those who can provide inter-generational links. We benefit from the support of a wide range of visitors, volunteers, businesses, and of course FOWPS, and we give back, however and whenever we can.

We lead by example, ensuring visible and active role models for pupils and staff. We open pupils' eyes to the world around them, offering new experiences and perspectives, linking learning to life. We make dreams seem possible with a culture of growth and development where effort, courage, curiosity and persistence will be praised. We encourage children to be the best they can be and inspire them to become ambitious and aspirational lifelong learners.

There is no limit to a child's potential and we recognise, value and celebrate their individual and collective achievements along a journey of development – a journey which will help our children to develop resilience, perseverance and self-esteem and take into account their unique and diverse needs. At Wateringbury, we want children to grow emotionally, intellectually, socially, physically, artistically, creatively and spiritually so that they leave us as confident and well-rounded individuals well prepared for the next stage of their learning journey and aware of their responsibilities to themselves, to others and the environment.

Learning, growing, achieving... our journey together.

