

With friendship, trust and kindness we fly!

(Love your neighbour as yourself, Mark 12:30)

We welcome all people and encourage everyone to meet their full potential – to love each other, love to learn and learn to live in all its fullness. We love our neighbours – in our school, our federation, the local community, nationally and globally, as Jesus told us to do so.

To be a good school we need to be able to articulate how Biblical teaching roots the school's vision.

Things we need to know:

How did we get to our vision?

All stakeholders were involved in creating our vision through questionnaires & discussions.

How is it shown?

Our vision is shown through the way all stakeholders behave towards each other. It is displayed & referred to regularly within school & on documentation. During meetings it is reflected on too.

How does it impact the school/pupils/staff etc?

All stakeholders are confident to give their own thoughts & views. Trust is well received at each of our three schools, the children know that they can trust each other & all staff members. Staff trust each other & know that confidences are kept if need be.

How is it sustainable?

It is embedded within the federation. We show love to each other & our wider community through activities & events that we undertake.

Is there a parable/Bible story behind it & what is it?

The Biblical story that encompasses our vision is that of the Paralysed Man, Mark 2: 1-12. This story shows all 3 elements of our vision, the men showed kindness and friendship to their friend who was paralysed. The man showed trust in his friends as they carried him to Capernaum to meet Jesus. They all had to trust that Jesus would heal the man. The men fought their way to take their friend to Jesus and wouldn't give up until they found a way to get to him (through the roof). Jesus showed friendship and kindness to the paralysed man by speaking to him and then trusting in God to enable him to heal the man. Other members of the public had to show our vision elements too as the man was lowered and therefore did not wait in the crowd.

We also have a song which is based on the scripture from Mark 12: 30-31, "Love your neighbour as yourself". It is called 'Love, love, love one another', this shows that Jesus wants us all to love everybody & it gives examples of how to love each other. All children know this & sing it at least once a week, they can relate it back to our vision too.

Can the children link this to the vision?

Yes. Examples: "God is inside us, He loves us, He is in us, He is everywhere", Y1 pupil.

"God loves everybody, even if someone say they don't love Him, he still loves them". Y2 pupil

"Our federation sign is a butterfly, butterfly's fly & that is in our vision. We fly in our learning". Y1 & Y2 pupil

"God sent us a rainbow, it tells us to trust Him." Y2 pupil.