



Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary

Vision

'I pray that your love for each other will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.'

Philippians 1:9

Our **vision** is to educate and inspire each child in our care, enabling them to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to make a positive difference in the world. Our small school, open to all, provides a safe, nurturing community built on the foundations of Christian values.

Values

These are our values. We wish for all who are part of our school community – pupils, staff, parents, governors and visitors to be:



Small school.

Respectful: actively valuing the contribution of others, even when holding differing views; being honest and proud of all achievements

Inclusive: polite and willing to put ourselves out to be welcoming to all, having an open mind to new ideas



Big hearts.

Kind: acting compassionately, with consideration and care

Attentive: careful listening and taking notice, in order to be aware of the needs of others and, where possible, act responsibly to meet those needs



Big ambitions.

Engaged: actively involved with those around us in the local community and the wider world

Challenged: creating change for good in ourselves, our community and the wider world with resilience and perseverance and an awareness of our impact on the environment

Mission

Our school motto encapsulates all that we aspire for our children here, at Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School and our mission is to provide a place shaped and characterised by it:

Small School As a small school, we acknowledge the value of everyone and the importance of treating all people with respect and dignity. Within the community, we celebrate the different gifts the various members bring and appreciate the unique contribution each one makes to the life of the school. More widely, we also think about those who have no voice in the world, who might otherwise be overlooked.

Through being hospitable in welcoming all to our school and living well together within our school community, we model inclusivity and appreciation for everyone.

Our Christian foundation teaches that no one and nothing is too small for God's care.

Big Hearts We cultivate an ethos in which we all hope for the best for everyone in our school. We delight in the success of others, being proud of our own too, and we make time to acknowledge success in all areas of life. We encourage the development of empathy and emotional intelligence and are a community where forgiveness and reconciliation build strong and meaningful relationships within school.

We have strong links with the parish church and the village. The church supports us in the encouragement of spiritual development and we value the contribution of the village community to our school life.

We develop a global outlook that is sustainable and recognises the contribution, however small, we can each make to the caretaking of this world. By learning about the world in which we live, we understand the need to look after this precious planet for future generations to come.

We provide a safe, exciting, caring, and supportive learning experience for all our children and endeavour to know them so well that we can support their individual academic, physical and emotional needs. In creating such an environment, being attentive to the needs of others ensures that everyone – pupils, staff, parents, governors – knows that they will be listened to and will, in turn, feel committed to listening respectfully to others.

Though deeply rooted in Christian values and tradition this is a school for those of all faiths and none. We seek to create a place where it is safe to talk about matters of faith, where there is respect for differing views, and time for exploration of faith and its expression.

Our Christian foundation teaches us to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Big Ambitions We aspire for excellence in everything we do at school and are ambitious for the whole school community. We are committed both to wanting the best for all and to being the best we can be. We are a place of hope, believing everyone can make a difference, bearing fruit in their lives and creating a better world.

Each child is encouraged to grow in knowledge, skills, wisdom, inquisitiveness, and confidence so that they leave with a toolkit to support their learning in life. This creates self-assured children who are confident, with a thirst for knowledge, able to think about issues, who ask questions, listen to and evaluate answers and who are prepared to accept challenges they meet in the future.

We show the value of academic study and the doors it will open. Through participation in team sports, within school and in local competitions, children have opportunities to value teamwork and team spirit. Gaining an appreciation of the arts through music, drama and performances and exploring different skills in art provide opportunities to create a rounded self.

Our Christian foundation teaches that from small beginnings great things can come.

Our mission is to create a stimulating environment for learning and growing, with a Christian ethos at the heart of our thinking, speaking, and doing.

'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.'
Galatians 5.22,23