

ST. GEORGE'S CORE VALUES: PARENT VOICE

Let your light shine

Matthew 5:15

St. George's is a loving and caring community and our Christian values are at the heart of everything we do. Every child and adult in our community is wanted, accepted and respected.

God makes each person unique in many special ways. Each and every person is precious, bringing special distinctiveness, gifts and talents to the world, things that no one else can; at St. George's we call these our sparks.

Our vision, inspired by the gospel according to Matthew, is that together, we light our sparks and let our light shine, living God's love.

At St. George's we are creating a deeply Christian school for our whole community.

Lighting A Spark In Everyone

As a school community we have enjoyed discussing with your children what values they feel are important to us as we **Light A Spark In Everyone**.

Please find ten values that are important to our children and staff at school.

We would really welcome your thoughts on which of these values you feel are most important to our school community. You may like to explore the bible references and stories to help your decision!

LOVE	<p>"Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Corinthians 16:14) (The story of Ruth and Naomi)</p> <p>Love forms the basis of all that we do. We share a love of learning, love for one another and love for the world that God made.</p>
FRIENDSHIP	<p>'A friend loves at all times' (Proverbs 17:17) Who is my neighbour? The Good Samaritan: (Luke 5: 25-27)</p> <p>We learn through the bible that Jesus had twelve special friends. Jesus can teach us how to be a good friend to others, even when going through difficult times.</p>
RESPECT	<p>'Love one another as I have loved you' (John 13:34) (The ten commandments)</p> <p>We learn that God made us all different and unique. This is something that we celebrate together.</p>
THANKFULNESS	<p>'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever' (1 Chronicles 16:34) (The Ten Lepers: Luke 17:11)</p> <p>We learn to be thankful for all that God has given us and the importance of sharing this with others.</p>
HOPE	<p>'Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.' (Hebrews 11:1) (The story of Hannah)</p> <p>We know that hope is an attitude of mind that we develop through faith in God and in each other.</p>

<p>PEACE</p>	<p>'God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God'. (Matthew 5:9) (Jesus stills the storm Mark 4:35-41) We know that in life there will be difficult times, but when we turn to God, He can give us the peace we need so that we can move on.</p>
<p>PERSEVERANCE</p>	<p>'Love always perseveres' (1 Corinthians 13:7) (The story of Nehemiah) We encourage each other to keep on trying. We know that we can ask God to help us with our challenges.</p>
<p>RESPONSIBILITY</p>	<p>"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10) (The Story of Moses and the Story of Esther) We celebrate our giftings and use them to bless others.</p>
<p>FAITH</p>	<p>Faith of the Centurion (Luke 7:1-9) (The story of Abraham) We believe in a promise not yet received. We hope for what we do not yet have or see.</p>
<p>FORGIVENESS</p>	<p>The Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-31) The healing of the paralysed man: (Matthew 9:1-8) We know if we forgive others, God will forgive wrong things we do when we ask him. Just like we say in the Lord's prayer.</p>