

*Our Vision*

# *Let your light shine*

*Matthew 5:16*

We believe, 'there is something potentially wonderful in everyone', and therefore our vision is;

- To provide children with a secure, fun, caring and challenging environment which enables them to reach their full potential.
- To develop our Christian ethos and build upon our values which enable children to learn effectively within our inclusive and supportive environment.
- To build partnerships with parents, carers and our wider community we are committed to providing an inspirational education that nourishes all children's needs.

*So that our children can let their light shine to the world*



**Our vision for each member of our community stems from Matthew 5:16 It says;**

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



We believe that every child and adult can shine and that this can be for the benefit of all. We recognise that we are all special in God's eyes and have unique talents, which we nurture so that each of us has the opportunity to become the very best person that God intended us to be. We want to encourage our children to aspire to great things and for the light of their lives to shine and make a difference in their classrooms, throughout the school and when they return home and into their community.

We also believe that developing a sense of self-worth is of paramount importance. Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12). However, as he spoke to those around him during the Sermon on the Mount, he also used these words: 'You are the light of the world'. In addition to letting their light shine on others, we want our children to recognise the value of their own light: to be proud of their personal achievements; to value and respect themselves; and to know how loved they are both by God and by others.

Our vision is unique to our school and recognises our links with the whole community of Kibworth. It tells everyone who we are and what makes us distinctive.

The Church of England education office definition is that the vision of a church school should be deeply Christian, serving the common good. Carolyn Lewis, Diocesan Director of Education urges us to be Scandalously Inclusive in all that we do.

'Shine your light' is everywhere at Kibworth.

1. Children explain their light has shone when they have produced amazing work, choreographed a great dance, or created a fantastic image
2. Stakeholders understand the Christian vision so that they can apply and integrate it across all developments within the school
3. Our Christian vision is enshrined in our procedures and policies and in the practice of daily worship

4. All our systems reflect 'Shine a Light' – including school reward systems, signage, displays, collective worship
5. Our Christian 'Shine a Light' vision is fully promoted across our wider thematic curriculum and its understanding in both a secular and religious context

We work closely with our local church St Wilfrids, their Christian outreach charity – The Well, the Kibworth Wellbeing group, the Methodist church and a whole range of others. We chose our vision statement through talking to these bodies, our parents, our staff and our children and our board of advisors.

## Our Christian Values

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*Therefore, our vision is;*

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Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams describes a school's Christian Values as:

**'What is distinctive about a Christian based school. It's something to do with ethos atmosphere and the way in which people feel valued.'**

At Kibworth these values are integral to all our daily lives, how we teach and what our children learn.

Our school is a place where:

- \* Children and adults alike are engaged on a life-time's journey
- \* Each person is uniquely valued, and their gifts and potential are nurtured and developed
- \* Each member of the school knows he or she belongs to all the other members and accepts the responsibility of caring for one another and for God's world."
- \* Christ is the centre of our school community where we live, love, and learn
- \* Our aim is to provide a safe environment in which a child is valued and in which a child can find security, acceptance, reassurance, and an opportunity to develop their potential. We aim to create a caring and happy community in which Christian values are upheld.



**'We teach religion all day long  
We teach it in arithmetic by accuracy  
We teach it in language by learning to say what we mean—yea, yea or nay, nay  
We teach it in history by humanity  
We teach it in geography by breadth of mind  
We teach it in handicraft by thoroughness We teach it in astronomy by reverence  
We teach it by good manners to one another, and by truthfulness in all things.  
We teach pupils to build the Church of Christ out of the actual relationships in which  
they stand to their teachers and their school fellows.'**