



# Birchington CE Primary School Our Christian Vision and Values

This is our Christian Vision:

***'We strive to ensure everyone in our happy, inclusive school flourishes and feels valued and safe. Our peaceful learning environment and aspirational curriculum enables everyone to grow from their unique starting point, giving them a hopeful future. Following Jesus' example, we forgive, respect, love and care for everyone.'***

Our Christian Vision is very important to us all. It is not just words on paper but a window into who we are as a school. Our vision is lived out every day through our behaviours and our actions.

Working alongside our vision are the Christian Values of Hope, Peace, Forgiveness and Love. These values play an important role in the everyday lives of our pupils, staff and school community and they are regularly referred to throughout the school day.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7) underpins our Christian Vision and Values. In this parable, Jesus tells the story of a shepherd that left his 99 sheep and searched everywhere for his one missing sheep, not giving up until it was safely back with its flock. He then rejoiced over its return. In Birchington CEP School, we work to ensure all members of our school community feel safe, valued, respected and loved; like the lost sheep in the parable.

Finally, we have adopted the strap line 'Learning and Growing; Safe in God's Love' which encompasses the essence of our Christian Values. This strap line can be seen prominently on our school website, newsletters, policies and on staff, governor and visitor lanyards.

You can find out more about our Christian Vision and Values on our school website: <https://www.birchington-primary.com/our-christian-vision-and-values/>