



## Staverton CE Primary School Our Values Statement

**“The school aims to serve its community by providing education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all of its pupils.”**

School Ethos Statement

Many schools talk about educating the whole child and teaching children to be good citizens; we believe that being a Church School means much more than this. Our Ethos Statement explains that Staverton CE Primary School is committed to encouraging an understanding of faith. Within this context, the school teaches respect for other world religions, whilst maintaining Christian values in its ethos and teaching. At Staverton all that we do is underpinned by these Christian or Gospel Values; the values taught by Jesus. We firmly believe that these values are not 'add ons', they are central to all that we do, not something separate. We hope that these values become the children's virtues.

The school gives high priority to the spiritual development of our children by giving opportunities for reflection and by promoting a sense of curiosity and excitement about the world around us. Staverton values a partnership between school, home and church and encourages everyone to make a positive contribution to the wider community. Preparing children for future adulthood is a priority.

**‘Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.’**

Proverbs 22:6

### Our School Christian Values:

The school community has recently redefined our 12 school values which are brought together under one overriding value, Love.

**‘Love is more important than anything else. It's what ties everything completely together.’**

Colossians 3:14

**‘Love is patient and kind; love is not selfish nor quick tempered; love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful and trusting; love never fails; love doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.’**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

All our values are explicitly focussed upon over a two year period. They are as follows:

### **LOVE: Live Our Values Everyday**

Year A: **Creativity; Forgiveness; Friendship; Honesty; Compassion; Respect**

Year B: **Responsibility; Courage; Perseverance; Wisdom; Thankfulness; Peace;**

Each value is exemplified in school by (i) a Bible quotation and (ii) explanatory statements. The values are displayed collectively in the Challenge Area and in each classroom's Reflection Area when explicitly focussed upon on a 'small' term basis.

Children can earn peer nominated Value Jewels by displaying the Christian value focussed upon within a specific term. Children can also be recognised as a 'Shining Light'. These are staff nominated awards that are shared in Celebration Assembly on a weekly basis for children who have explicitly displayed the current value.

### Our Staff and Learner Values

Underpinned by our school, Christian values, the following Staff and Learner values shape our teaching and learning. We are passionate in our belief that the consistent adoption of these interlinked sets of values will ensure that our school will be a happy and successful place where everyone strives to be the best they can be.

<b>Our School Christian Values</b>	<b>Our Staff Values</b>	<b>Our Learner Values</b>
Creativity	Creativity	Creativity
Forgiveness	Collaboration	Collaboration
Friendship	Collaboration	Collaboration
Honesty	Honesty	Honesty
Compassion	Collaboration	Collaboration
Respect	Respect, Trust and Empathy	Respect
Responsibility	Responsibility and Independence	Responsibility and Independence
Courage	Courage, Ambition	Courage and Ambition
Perseverance	Resilience	Perseverance and Resilience
Wisdom	Self Belief and Self Awareness	Confidence and Self Awareness
Thankfulness	Collaboration	Collaboration
Peace	Collaboration	Collaboration

Each of the Staff and Learner values is exemplified. Each Learner value is made explicit to the children at a specified time of the year and the link to the whole school Christian value made clear.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Appendix 1: Staff Values
- Appendix 2: Learner Values
- Appendix 3: Our Linked Values