

HORDLE CE (VA) PRIMARY



Our Church School

**A guide to the Christian Foundation of Hordle Primary
School.**



EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING

Being a Church School



Our Christian Values

*Love
Care
Tolerance
Respect
Humility
Hope
Peace
Awe
Truth
Commitment
Forgiveness
Joy
Patience
Integrity
Thankfulness*

Hordle Primary School is a church school and at its heart are the values of our Christian Foundation - Learning, Teamship, Aspiration and Identity. We believe that learning and growing in a caring Christian environment will strengthen the values, principles and personal beliefs of our pupils, equipping them for living life in the 21st Century.

In establishing their own journey towards a personal faith, we will equip our pupils with the courage and strength to defend their own beliefs whilst showing tolerance and respect for others.

We understand and do not underestimate the challenges awaiting our pupils growing up in a secular and unsettled society. Through a curriculum rich in discussion and a passion for nurturing enquiring minds, we aim to develop a readiness to challenge all that would constrain the human spirit for example: poverty of aspiration, lack of self-confidence and belief, moral neutrality and indifference, greed, injustice and discrimination.

Whilst we respect that our children may never come to a life of faith, we believe that by nurturing them in an environment where Christian Values are promoted and modelled they will grow up as confident citizens of the future, who are able to contribute to a legacy for future generations with integrity and purpose.



Our Church School Vision



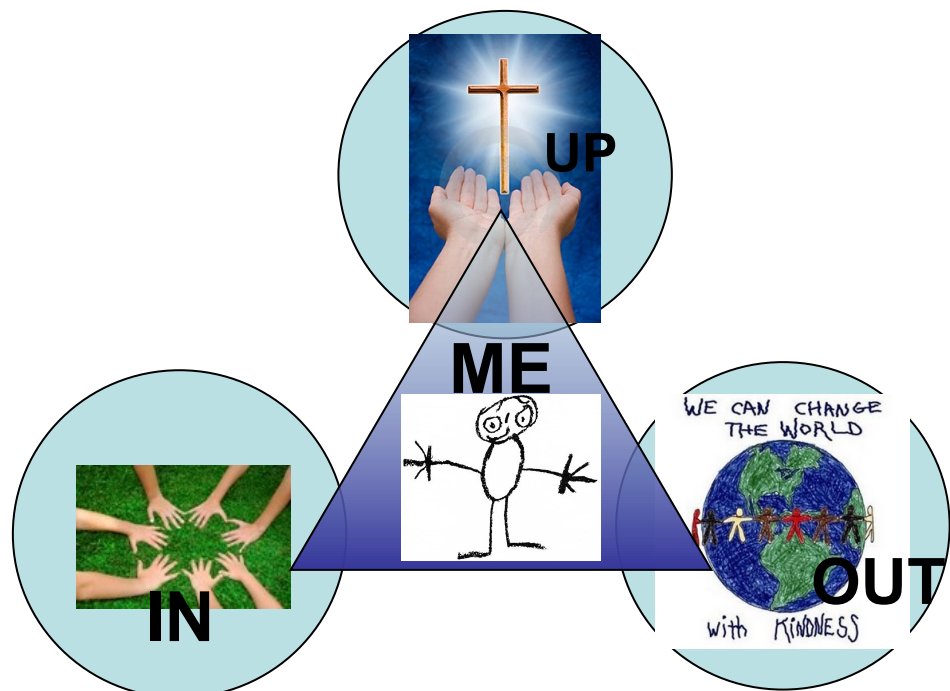
The pupils of the CSV group consulted with Bishop Jonathan of Winchester to help them to understand the vision better.



In the Summer of 2010, the church and school came together to develop a shared vision for the community of Hordle.

This vision was communicated to the children through a series of assemblies run by the headteacher and vicar. A group of self-nominated children then came together to make the vision a reality by re-shaping it in the children's language.

The following pages are the words of the children.



Our Church School Vision

UP

At the top of our triangle is **UP**

We think this is to do with worshipping and loving God and respecting the Lord.

We think it is about prayer, peace, love and hope. We also think it is about heaven and angels.

IN

One of the sides of our triangle is **IN**.

This is about belonging to a church family. Wherever we go in the world we are part of a church family. Our church family are there to care for us, to help lead the way. They have the responsibility to care for everyone and to keep them safe and secure.

OUT

The other side of our triangle is **OUT**

We think this is about kindness, love, respect and not being selfish. Without the OUT there would be no sharing and we would live in an impossible world.

OUT is about spreading our friendship and kindness. It is about the part of our heart that is always shining out over others.

Our own happiness can come from the OUT of others.

ME

In the centre of our triangle is **ME**

ME is there because we are all on journeys as Christians and we are all at different places on that journey.

ME is there because God made us and we respect his wishes about what he wants us to be and what he wants us to become in the future.

ME is about the half of your heart that is shining in on yourself.



The children of the church school vision group wrote these explanations for each part of our vision.



Our School Prayer



This is our school prayer. If you hear it in school you will usually hear us singing it. It is a prayer that is unique to our school.

Also in worship, some of us volunteer to lead the school in our own prayers which come from our thoughts about the worship we have listened to.

Lord you look at me and know me,
Every step I take you show me,
When I rise and when I rest
You will always know me best and,
Where I sit or walk or stand
You still hold me in your hand,
And if I don't know how to pray
You understand me anyway
In all my life in all I do
Let me always be with you.
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Liturgy and Scripture

Our bible verse:

“That they may have life; life in all its fullness.”

John, 10:10



As well as our own school prayer, we try to learn some of the teachings of the bible.

We have special actions to help us remember our bible verse.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Now and for ever.
Amen



Every Child Matters

SAFE

Every child has the right to feel safe. In the context of our church school we want all our pupils to feel safe to express their opinions and beliefs whilst respecting those of others. At this school they should have the opportunity to establish a strong moral compass guided by the teachings of the bible as they develop their own personal values about what is right and wrong.

HEALTHY

In our school, we teach children that their body and mind are precious gifts given by God and that they need to take responsibility for caring for their personal health, both physically and emotionally. In science and PSHE lessons we teach them the skills that will last them long into their adult lives.

ENJOY AND ACHIEVE

The love of learning is the gift of a great education which forms the principles of all that we do. It is our aim that each child, no matter their ability, should enjoy a sense of success. We teach children that they are '*powerfully and wonderfully made*' and we therefore aim to discover each child's God-given strengths in order that they may leave our school as confident, proud individuals.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

We aim to ensure that our children will leave us with the understanding of how to use their God-given gifts to secure their own future but also how to share these with others to secure the well being of people throughout the world.

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

We set our school at the heart of our community, both locally, nationally and globally. Our children will leave this school understanding how they can impact positively on the lives of others and play their part as a global citizen of the future and a member of a worldwide church family.



As a church school we fully support the principles of the Every Child Matters agenda.

These 5 core aspects are closely linked to our Church School Vision.

