



A Beacon Of Hope On The Hill; A Small School Making A Big Difference

CHRISTIAN VALUES

The Christian values and principles we adhere to as a school identify us as a community and confirm the ethos and culture promoted. The 6 values chosen have been carefully selected by the community so that everyone understands the purpose and meaning of each, and is clear about individual and collective responsibility towards upholding such principles. These values will be depicted in the school hall and in each classroom around the school. We are reminded to give focus and context to the values during our times of collective worship.

The values chosen for us as a school at Dundry are:

Trust, Friendship, Hope, Community, Creativity and Compassion.

Each term we shall send home some information about each of the values that we hold dear, in order to have a shared understanding of what each one looks like for us as a Christian school.

This term's information is based on Trust:

Trust

Trust is the very essence of faith; trust in the God who is trustworthy.

'Trust in the Lord' is a central theme in the Psalms. Time and time again, God is acknowledged as the source of all true security and strength. This is contrasted with trust in chariots, horses, weapons, wealth or princes (Psalm 20:7; 118:8-9). We can easily think of the modern day equivalents. Trust placed in the wrong things is close to idolatry. Trust is essential to human life and lies at the heart of all relationships. Trust entails vulnerability, putting yourself in others' hands. We have to trust experts – pilots, dentists, surgeons. Yet, within our society, there often seems to be mutual distrust between people and those responsible for governing them.

Marriage is founded on trust and is a God-given framework in which human trust can be developed. The wording of the Christian marriage vows sends out a strong message in a society where the breakdown of trust is widespread.

Trust is central to civilised society, to living together in harmony, so it is to be valued and honoured. With wisdom and discernment, we can relearn to trust. We can begin to rebuild trust in our mistrustful society by being reliable ourselves, by not letting people down. Similarly, when we work with others, if we are willing to let go of control ourselves and trust in the abilities and integrity of others, everyone can be enriched. Jesus, after all, entrusted his ongoing work to his disciples and ultimately to us.