

Great Easton's Summary statement ...Explaining our vision



Our Christian vision is...

We are God's children and global citizens. We will be bold enough to use our voices, brave enough to evoke change in the world and strong enough to stand up for what is right. We are valued and are part of a Christian family that grows together in faith, love and kindness.

Our vision reflects a Christian understanding of God as a loving Creator which inspires our work in education. Our school prayer links to our strap line- a love of learning, life and living. Our Christian vision is underpinned by Jesus' example of love for all and is best summarised in St Paul's teaching in Corinthians 1 chapters 14-16- Let all that you do be done in love. This means that love is central to everything we do at Great Easton, and that our focus values of: courage, justice, service and love are lived out throughout our school community and beyond.

Great Easton's vision reflects our belief about ourselves and each other because we are all God's children who are valued for our uniqueness, created and loved by God. We are all part of a Christian family rooted in kindness; encouraging children to respect differences and develop qualities of character that enable them to flourish as individuals; strengthening communities. All are welcome into our family and once part of it, remain so regardless of time or distance.

Staff are committed to developing pupils' understanding of stewardship, and our responsibilities in caring for His creation. Children learn that their voice matters and should be used courageously to evoke changes in the world.

Our Christian vision is lived out in everything we do at Great Easton. We are a small, rural school with mixed-age classes and 33% SEND. This encourages diverse friendships and pupils who are keen to make a difference to others by being role models, peer mentors, play leaders, buddies to reception children, school parliament members and school improvement ambassadors.

It underpins and informs our decision making at all levels. For example, we have developed an innovative curriculum that encourages independence, curiosity and creativity. Producing global citizens who thrive as collaborators, leaders and innovators in the 21st century. The curriculum is driven by key enquiry questions, allowing pupils to develop philosophical thinking. Christian values are embedded in our curriculum and act as driving words, allowing teachers to make connections across and beyond subjects. Authentic outcomes build motivation and raises expectations and expertise.

We stand up for what is right for our pupils by making bold decisions such as: changing homework to instil a love of learning, promoting mental health and well-being by changing from uniform to active wear and fostering a love for all God's creatures by having school pets. We strengthen our Christian community through links to our church and family events such as camping weekends for families both current and future, Valentine's sleepovers for the children and special transition days during the summer holidays for new families. We work hard to be welcoming and inclusion and to mirror God's love for all.

Our Christian vision has been developed by the headteacher, RE subject leader, all staff, the church, parents, pupils and governors of the school.