



Flamborough CE (VC) Primary School

Developing Spirituality

Growing with God and Striving for Excellence



Respect Resilience Responsibility



Our Christian Vision



Our Christian vision, 'Growing with God and Striving for Excellence' is at the core of everything we do and underpins our teaching, learning and environment.

We aspire to keep community at the heart of Flamborough School, where every member knows that they belong to our family. God enables us to grow together in love and learning. We strive for excellence through developing pupils' responsibility to themselves, others and the world, respect for learning, and developing resilience as a response to the challenges they will meet, underpinned by faith in God and the teachings of the Bible.

We aim to support children to become well rounded, confident individuals through the educational experiences we provide and strive to make learning an exciting and engaging experience. We encourage independent learning and embrace challenge as a part of the learning experience. We are proud of our children and the contributions they go on to make in the community after they have left our care.

Our vision is founded on Matthew 13: 1–23

The Parable of the Sower; having a strong faith in God and remaining dedicated to a Christian life allows us to flourish and grow.



Spiritual Development

As a church school we are concerned with the development of mind, body and soul.

We believe that spirituality should influence all areas of education and life, therefore we aim that all areas of the curriculum contribute to pupils' spiritual development.

Spiritual development relates to fundamental questions about the meaning and purpose of life which affect everyone and is not dependent on a religious affiliation. We explore these big questions in our daily collective worship, which is led by staff, children and members of St Oswald Church and the Methodist Chapel.

Spiritual development is not about becoming more spiritual; it is about realising or becoming more and more aware of one's natural, innate spirituality. This can be a gradual process and at other times there might be significant stages of realisation, which are part of the ongoing 'developing' process. Spirituality looks to explore our relationships and connections. These are relationships with:

- Ourselves
- Others
- The World
- Beyond



Spirituality

Spirituality is a very personal experience. It differs from person to person, and often spirituality changes within people during their lifetime. Spirituality is not the same as having a religion or faith; a person can be spiritual without having a particular faith.

At Flamborough CE Primary School, we have reflected upon different definitions of spirituality and we feel that the following definition best describes the way we live out our Christian vision within our school.



“Spirituality is not something we can see; it is something we feel inside ourselves. It is about awe and wonder, asking questions, inspiration and being aware of something ‘bigger’ outside of ourselves.”

As a primary school, it is important that we use age appropriate language with our children to define spirituality, so when talking to our children we will refer to:

- A sense of awe and wonder
- Care for nature and living things
- Wanting to love and to be loved

‘Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.’

Colossians 2:7



Awe and Wonder

Children are born inquisitive, and it is our duty to nurture this natural curiosity and guide them towards looking at the world and noticing, with awe and wonder, the natural and man-made delights all around us.

We want to encourage them to ask 'big questions' about life, religion, nature, science and any other area of fascination. Our children have many opportunities to explore themes of recycling, climate change, and how to be Eco friendly, which is fundamental to our responsibilities and the importance we place on caring for our world.

We teach our children to ask challenging questions and explore the importance of reflecting on the world around us. We take time to lie in the grass and explore the skies above. We listen to the waves at the



beach; listen to the birds in our wonderful school grounds and take every opportunity to explore nature in our local area. Daily collective worship, which includes prayer, stillness, worship and reflection, is rooted in Bible stories where the Christian values are linked to everyday life.

"The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy."

Psalm 65:8



Caring for Nature and Living Things

Our Christian vision states 'Guided by our faith, we develop responsibility to ourselves, others and the world'. This encourages staff, children and the school community to be courageous advocates.



Through science and themed work; through reflection in collective worship and a carefully planned curriculum, children learn about the world and how they can care for living things. We provide many opportunities for children to learn about nature and the role they play in protecting our world. As a Church School, this is especially important.

Being a coastal community we believe strongly in our responsibility to the world. We do a lot of work with the RSPB and learn about local bird life and how to support it. We visit the beach and cliffs regularly, linking this with science, geography and art. We learn about climate change and coastal erosion and as a small fishing village, we celebrate our heritage and do what we can to learn more about how to protect it for future generations.



"Give thanks always."

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Love

Our Christian vision states 'God enables us to grow together in love and learning'. This is underpinned by the knowledge that we are all loved by God. Through our Christian Values, we teach children to care for friends, family and the community. We are a very caring school and we promote a culture where everyone is respected and treated fairly and impartially. This respect for one another is clear to see around school, in classrooms and out in the community.



Throughout the curriculum, particularly in PSHE, we discuss mental health and mindfulness. We talk about having a positive mind set and what to do in times of need. We also take part in Children's Mental Health week and teach our children how to keep themselves safe and well, valuing mental as well as physical health, wellbeing

and spirituality. We have received two awards for our work with the 52 lives charity which promotes kindness to all. We work to ensure our school community can appreciate the diversity of society in modern Britain and be thankful for all of the many different parts which make us whole, aiming to value each other and work together in hope.

"We love because he first loved us"

John 4:19



Courageous Advocacy

A courageous advocate is someone who champions a cause which is special and meaningful to them.

At Flamborough CE (VC) Primary School we have a strong emphasis on encouraging our pupils to become courageous advocates, not just locally, but nationally and globally. We teach our children that it is important to help others when we can no matter who they are, where they come from or what challenges they may face. We teach this through Bible stories and learning about other courageous advocates from both the Bible and from history.

It is important for our children to appreciate their role as part of a community; to take responsibility, to be able to look after themselves and to foster an understanding of their importance, impact and influence in the world. We encourage our children to become courageous advocates for change in our world.



We support a range of charities throughout the school year. These are selected by the children and staff to ensure that there is an increased awareness of collective responsibility, compassion and service to others. Children learn how they can make a difference in the world, through the Bible and Picture News, through challenging injustice, raising money for charity or doing their bit for the environment.

"Do not be afraid for I am with you"

Isaiah 43:5

