



6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of St Clement's and Bethany,

For over 10 years, St Clement's and Bethany have shared a set of core values that have guided us very well, earning both schools 'Excellent' ratings from SIAMS (church school inspections). However, it is now time to review our vision and values to better reflect the changing needs of our school and community.

During our recent Inset day, Sue Bowen from the Winchester Diocese led a session with all staff and Governors from both Bethany and St Clement's schools. We explored 12 values and their meanings often used by church schools. After group discussions and debates, we narrowed these down to five key values:

- **Courage:** Enduring in our commitment to what is right and true
- **Hope:** Sharing in the joy that comes from the belief that all is never lost
- **Respect:** Valuing each other and celebrating our differences
- **Trust:** Sharing responsibility for each other and choosing in live with truth.
- **Compassion/Kindness:** Showing empathy for the struggles of others and enabling them to make a new start

We would like to invite our school families to help us narrow this list down to three. In the coming weeks, you will receive a form asking you to choose the three values you believe would best benefit our school community.

Once we have finalized these values, we will develop a vision and artwork that best reflect our new vision and values.

Thank you in advance for your engagement and support during this exciting period of change.

Yours Sincerely

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