



Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

Our theologically rooted vision

At the heart of our vision is The Golden Rule: "Treat others exactly as you would wish to be treated yourself" Luke 6:31 (World English Bible).

This provides a beacon of light in navigating our interactions with kindness and understanding. At its core, the Golden Rule is a call to empathy. It encourages us to step into the shoes of others and consider our actions from their perspective. By treating each other with the same level of respect and kindness we wish for ourselves, we create a culture of mutual respect, where productivity and collaboration soar. We aim to grow a school community that values learning and humanity towards others which is underpinned and guided by the life and teachings of Jesus, our Christian values and inspired by the Ubuntu philosophy.

Our vision provides the foundation of our curriculum by:

- Recognising that we are all individuals made in the image of God and we aim to be supportive, inclusive and accepting to all
- Ensuring a culture of high-expectations for all
- Developing leadership, responsibility and care towards all of God's creation
- Providing a diverse range of enriching learning experiences that prepare our children for life as global citizens

It is through our vision that we aim to support all members of our community to feel valued, included and become flourishing individuals, with a heart for others and the world.

Our 3 Be's help guide us to live out our vision:

1.Be observant and thoughtful: Pay close attention to those around you. For instance, you may see someone struggling, hear of a neighbour who is unwell, in need of support or notice that a friend or colleague is discouraged. When you "look out . . . for the interests of others," you will likely find opportunities to say or do something helpful.—Philippians 2:4.

2.Be kind and empathetic: Imagine yourself in the other person's place. How would you feel if you were in the same situation? (Romans 12:15) When you try to understand the feelings of others, you may feel moved to help them.

3.Be flexible and reflective: Keep in mind that everyone is different. What others would like to have done for them may not be the same as what you would want to have done for you. So, out of the many things you could do, try to choose what they will appreciate most.—1 Corinthians 10:24