

The vision and values of the school

Our mission statement:

Hand in hand we live and learn.

At Baltonsborough Primary School, we value the benefits of working together in a small, caring community whose values are deeply rooted in the Christian faith. We provide a stimulating learning environment in which all are valued for the contributions they make to our school community. Through the education and experiences we provide, we develop confident, inquisitive, inventive citizens.

The following Bible verses help us to focus on the Christian foundation of our vision.

At Baltonsborough we believe in working together and honouring one another.

1 Corinthians 12:12-21 selected verses

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.....Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, **there are many parts, but one body.**

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"there should be no division in the body, but that its parts **should have equal concern for each other.**

We believe in living a life rooted in God and learning from Christ.

Proverbs 9:10-12

The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of **wisdom**,
and **knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.**

¹¹ For through wisdom your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.

¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;

Matthew 1:29

Take my yoke upon you and **learn from me**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

At Baltonsborough, we hold at the centre of what we do the importance of nurturing our children within a Christian family atmosphere. We believe in doing good to each other and strive to show this in our community.

Galatians chapter 6 selected verses

⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **do good** to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

1 John chapter 3 selected verses

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (verse 1)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. (verse 16)

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (verse 18)