



ASTON AND COTE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

VISION & VALUES

Learning together as a community through love, courage and respect. Aspiring to be the people God created us to be, whilst developing a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world around us and our place in it.

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COURAGE*LOVE*RESPECT*HONESTY*FORGIVENESS

VISION STATEMENT



We would like our school to be a place where:

- The above Christian values are embedded in the ethos and curriculum
- All pupils fulfil their potential and beyond
- Excellence and opportunity can be found everywhere
- Attitudes of mutual respect and responsibility are developed
- Strong links between the school, church and home are nurtured

AIMS FOR THE CHILDREN

We want the curriculum to enable all young people at our school to become:

Successful learners who:

- Develop a lifelong love of learning
- Have the essential learning skills of literacy, numeracy and information and communication technology
- Enjoy learning and are self-motivated to extend their own skills and achieve the best they can
- Are creative, resourceful and able to solve problems
- Can communicate well in a range of ways
- Have enquiring minds and relish a challenge
- Are able to learn independently and when working with others

Confident individuals who:

- Have a sense of self-worth and personal identity
- Have peace within themselves and are aware of what makes them unique
- Become increasingly independent, are able to take the initiative and organise themselves
- Take managed risks and are willing to try new things to make the most of opportunities
- Make healthy lifestyle choices and know how to keep themselves safe

Responsible citizens who:

- Can work cooperatively with others
- Have a sense of fair play
- Are enterprising
- Treat others with love and respect
- Understand the difference between right and wrong
- Appreciate their own and others' cultures
- Develop an understanding of the sustainability of the environment, both locally and globally

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OUR CORE BIBLICAL TEXT

God's kingdom is like this:

Once there was a great and good king whom all the people respected and hoped to please. One day the king told them that he would be going away for a while and that he had chosen three of his people to look after things for him whilst he was gone.

He explained that he would be giving each of them a certain amount of talents to use wisely. He wanted them to be able to return to him all that he gave and more by the time he returned home. The first person chosen was given 5 special talents and was advised to work hard and choose wisely in order to make the talents grow into more. The second was given 3 special talents and was advised to work hard and choose wisely in order to make them grow into more. The third person was given 1 extra special talent and was advised to work hard and choose wisely to make it grow into more.

All of the talents were needed to make the kingdom great.

Years later, when the king returned home, he called the people with the talents to give an account of what they had done to grow their precious gifts.

The first person had worked hard, aimed high, acted bravely, practised and persevered and had doubled his 5 talents to 10. The king was very pleased with his effort and wisdom.

The second person had worked hard, aimed high, acted bravely, practised and persevered and had doubled her 3 talents to 6. The king was very pleased with her efforts and wisdom.

The third person had been nervous and afraid of failing. He had worried that he might make mistakes and not be able to grow his talent, so he had buried it in the ground so that it couldn't be lost, stolen or damaged. He dug up the one precious talent that he had been given and gave it back to the king all covered in dust and dirt and disappointment.

The king was heartbroken. The precious gift had been wasted and there was no joy to share with the rest of the kingdom.







"I gave you a talent that I had chosen especially for you. It was so precious and important and I knew the wonders that you could do with it. I gave you only one so that you could give it your fullest attention and make it flourish into something glorious and beautiful and yet you buried it in the ground, hidden away in the dirt, stifled and unable to grow. I trusted that you would have the courage and commitment to work hard and choose wisely so that everyone could share in the greatness of your talent. You have not been a very good steward of the gift that you were given and everyone will suffer its loss."

The man felt sad and foolish. For the rest of his life he regretted that he had not found the courage to embrace his talent, to work hard with it and to choose wisely. How different things would have surely been if he had only used the talent that he was given.

Matthew 25: 14 - 30

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Our aim is to develop ASTONishing Learners who display the following characteristics:

<p style="text-align: center;">ASPIRATIONAL "I dream big."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I aim high • I use my imagination • I explore possibilities • I believe I can • I know I am valued • I make the most of opportunities 	<p style="text-align: center;">TENACIOUS "I can't do it YET!"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I keep trying • I embrace a challenge • I learn from mistakes • I'll find another way 
<p style="text-align: center;">INDEPENDENT "I am self- motivated."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can think for myself • I can follow a process • I can read instructions • I can use my initiative • I notice things • I can make connections 	<p style="text-align: center;">CURIOUS "I ask questions."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like finding out new things • I want to know more • I enjoy developing new skills • I'm interested in everything • I take managed risks 
<p style="text-align: center;">HARDWORKING "I give my all."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I always do my best • I know I can always improve • I challenge myself • I am focused • I communicate my ideas 	<p style="text-align: center;">ENGAGED "I love learning."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I block out distractions • I embrace collaborative learning • I actively listen • I am aware of expectations • I care about the world around me 

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