

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing on behalf of the governors to tell you about a change to the School vision statement and motto. As governors we looked at the vision statement a few years ago and believe it accurately reflects the ethos of the school, so this is just a minor change. The motto has been in place for many years and, although it is very positive, it is probably due for an update.

The existing school motto '*People with time for children*' makes a really positive statement about the attitudes of the staff (and governors) towards the children, but it is a statement about the staff rather than the children who are passive in the statement. We were keen to find a new motto that made a statement about everyone involved in the school, including the children. We wanted something that said something about the children as well as the staff and governors, something that the children, and hopefully parents, carers, families and the community, could identify with and participate in. It is not our intention to change the values and ethos of the school in any way, rather to more accurately describe the school as it already is, recognising the role of the children in this.

Like the vision statement, we felt the motto should be based around the Christian values that we teach and practice at school. We felt that the idea of 'loving one another' (in the sense of caring for each other, respecting each other, and wanting the best for each other), summed up our values of respect, trust, truthfulness, forgiveness, generosity, justice, friendship, perseverance, courage, compassion, service and thankfulness. The idea of 'building each other up' has been reflected in our vision statement for some time and will now be included in our motto as well.

So, our new vision statement is:

***Our vision is to enable our children, staff and families to build each other up through living out our Christian Values and our love for one another, encouraging those at the school and in the wider community to develop their full potential: academically, socially and spiritually.***

And our new motto is:

***Loving one another, building each other up***

We hope that these are recognised as accurately describing the character of the school and that children, families, staff, and the wider community can identify with the ideas and work towards the working out of the vision in the way we treat each other.

Yours,

Mike Barnsley  
Chair of Governors

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick