



Burbage C of E Infant School



Terms of Reference Vision and Values Committee

Purpose

Recognising the historic foundation of Burbage C of E Infant School and the establishment of the Church of England schools within our society, we set out below a summary to assist us with the vision and values of our school. These assist us to preserve and develop the Christian character and distinctiveness in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and the partnership with the parish church and the Diocese of Leicestershire.

We believe that the distinctiveness is about more than the organisational arrangement and designation as a school of religious character. It includes a wholehearted commitment to putting faith and spiritual development at the head of the curriculum and ensuring that a Christian ethos permeates the whole educational experience so that all within flourish.

With that aim in mind, we aspire to deliver a high quality religious education (RE) curriculum and collective worship at the cornerstone of our ethos. We endeavour to allow pupils to engage seriously with - and develop an understanding of - Christianity and the person and teaching of Jesus Christ.

Our pursuit for excellence, effectiveness and holiness is central to our '*life together*', our commitment to each other and our parish. Our vision, '*Loving Living Learning*', embraces the two commandments of Jesus to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul" and to "Love your neighbour as yourself". This is the 'outward sign' and expression of the Kingdom of God which we seek to proclaim in this place and space.

Membership

The Vision and Values Committee may consist of members of the Full Governing Board (FGB), the incumbent (or their nominee), the Executive Headteacher, a member of the school's senior leadership team and at least one

foundation governor. The committee may also invite members of staff and/or pupils as and when required.

The committee will elect a chair from its own membership and appoint a clerk who must not be the Executive Headteacher.

Meetings

The committee will have the same procedural arrangements for the scheduling of meetings and circulations of agendas as has the FGB.

The committee shall present a report on its activity to the FGB meeting each term.

Responsibilities

- To ensure that all school leaders contribute to sustaining, developing and nurturing the school's Christian character and distinctiveness;
- To ensure that the religious education and collective worship has a positive impact enhancing the spiritual development of pupils and staff of all faiths or none with regard to all aspects of school life;
- To ensure the school develops a 'life together' which attempts to glorify God with mutual flourishing at its heart – whether pupil, member of staff, parent or governor;
- To monitor and review regularly the school's self-evaluation as a church school, ensuring that self-evaluation is ongoing, contributes to school improvement and ensures continual preparation for our SIAMS inspection;
- To ensure effective partnerships between school, the church and the wider community.