



Our Vision

Goudhurst & Kilndown Church of England Primary School will provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment rooted in Christian values in which every child will flourish. We will realise the potential of every child and instill a lifelong love of learning. Our approach to teaching and learning will be inclusive, supportive and innovative and will embrace new education initiatives and leading technology. We will ensure that our children are aware of the world in which they live, understand the need to play an active role within the local and wider community and appreciate the importance of living a sustainable way of life. In partnership with parents and carers, we will help our children to build high self-esteem, independence and resilience and to develop the life skills they need for their future in an ever-changing world.

Our Beliefs

As a school we believe that:

- Children learn well and develop as individuals when they feel safe, secure and happy
- All children can succeed regardless of their starting point, individual educational needs or special needs
- High expectations from the school inspire high aspirations in the child
- A high quality approach to teaching and learning is a pre-requisite for children to succeed
- Recognising, rewarding and celebrating achievement is crucial to building good self-esteem
- Providing extended-curriculum learning opportunities helps to increase self-confidence
- Partnership with parents is vital to developing the child as an individual, raising attainment and improving children's "life chances"

Our Objectives

To help us to realise our Vision we have strategic objectives in place that allow us to measure our progress and our impact. Our objectives, which are shared by Governors, Leadership and Staff are to:

- manage a safe and inspiring learning environment both inside and outside
- promote a caring Christian ethos where every child feels he or she plays an important part
- identify and build on the strengths of each child and develop the child's competence and understanding in all areas of the National Curriculum and beyond
- collaborate to create a 'learning school' environment and foster a lifelong love of learning
- to research educational initiatives and the leading use of technology to support our teaching and learning
- expand each child's awareness of the world around them and help them to feel part of a community
- value parents and carers as educators of their children, engage them in partnership and treat them with respect
- provide a range of activities, motivations and reward and recognition schemes that develop personal attributes and skills for life in our children

Our Values

We hold a guiding set of values at our school that we hope will extend into our children's lives beyond their time at our school, becoming values for life. Our values are:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Community
- Friendship
- Trust

Our value set comes from our Christian foundation and children are familiar with how each value links to the relevant Bible stories such as The Good Samaritan. Each term we explore a different value and its meaning and share this learning with our parents and community.