

# Vision and Values at DVIS

“Flourishing with God in life, learning and love.”



Our vision is for God’s love to be **fully** experienced by our children and community.

Each child’s unique journey should enable them to flourish:

in life - both inside and outside school;

in learning – enjoying learning how to learn;

in love - for others as well as themselves.

DVIS is where the fruits of God’s Spirit are central, so all can fully know who they are and who God knows them to be.

## Ethos

What we want the children, staff, parents and wider community to experience in and through DVIS.

Life	Learning	Love
At DVIS we experience life together, in all its fullness and challenges. We want to equip children with the resources, strength and skills to head further into their lives knowing God is there to be their guiding light.	At DVIS we want children to enjoy and love their learning. This will include many facts, details and skills such as resilience and resourcefulness. We want the children to understand <i>how</i> they can learn and to develop a love of learning, following interests in a wide variety of subjects and activities, experiencing this through a tailored learning experience.	At DVIS we believe children flourish best in a space where they are loved. From that basis they can make mistakes, learn from them, reconcile and ultimately move on. We want love to flourish, grow and develop for others, for our world, for learning.

## Values – Galatians 5 v22-23

Love “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and love others as you love yourself.” Matthew 22 v 37-39	Joy “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118 v24	Kindness “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4 v32	Faithfulness “Praise the Lord all you nations, all you peoples. For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.” Psalm 117 v1-2	Self-Control “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4 v13
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## Bible stories that illustrate our school values

The Prodigal Son Luke 15 v 11-32	The Lost Sheep Matthew 18 v 12-14	The Good Samaritan Luke 10 v 25-37	David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17	Parable of the two sons Matthew 21 v28-32
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We love our learning and the richness of the knowledge and skills we build.</li> <li>• We love each other because God showed us love first.</li> <li>• We welcome newcomers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognise the joy we get from learning and that moment when something makes sense!</li> <li>• We experience joy when making new friends, building friendships and helping others.</li> <li>• We know joy when we have an amazing experience either at school or at home.</li> <li>• We know joy when we have embraced and overcome challenge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We expect the school community to show kindness to all those we meet in school and out of school.</li> <li>• We want children to think in a way that helps them look outwards through kindness spectacles.</li> <li>• When demonstrating this value, we show empathy to others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We show resilience and persevere in our learning and relationships.</li> <li>• We don’t give up on our learning when it is tricky, but keep on going, finding ways to solve the problem.</li> <li>• We support our friends, colleagues and families.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We explore what it means to show self-control when we learn and when we play.</li> <li>• We need to show self-control in order to empathise with our friends and in order to show them love at all times.</li> <li>• We know that self-control can mean waiting, not knowing something yet, not always having the answer yes.</li> </ul>