



# St Martin's School Vision Statement

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## Mission Statement

***“As a Church of England School we aim to foster Christian values in our children and help them to achieve their full potential in a happy, secure and caring environment. We are committed to providing the best possible education to give them a secure foundation for life.”***

## Our school priorities

Everything we seek to achieve in our school is based around the core values of our Mission Statement.

### **As a Church of England School we aim to foster Christian values by:**

- Maximising the opportunities to develop an understanding of the Christian faith, within the overall teaching structure of the Agreed Syllabus for Hampshire
- Developing a sense of awe and wonder of God and practical Christianity through our collective worship, which remains predominantly Christian in content
- Nurturing the spiritual nature of each individual so they each have a sense of purpose and belonging in their existence, and in their plans and ambitions for life
- Teaching children to conduct themselves in a manner that builds up themselves and others by their words and deeds, as citizens who play a positive and active role in their community

### **We help children to achieve their full potential by:**

- Building self-esteem and confidence, with a positive attitude towards learning and achievement
- Recognising the unique worth of each individual, helping them to understand themselves – strengths, weaknesses, ambitions, fears, abilities and challenges – so they can face every new situation positively
- Developing in children a firm grasp of core educational knowledge, understanding and skills, especially in English and mathematics, but also across all school based learning
- Developing in children a broad and rich perspective of achievement in all areas, valuing individual abilities, talents and gifts in all areas of learning and activity
- Challenging children to value their achievements, to have ambition for achieving more and never to be content with anything less than their best.

### **We provide a secure, happy and caring environment by:**

- Taking time to know and understand children as individuals, with diverse abilities, needs and ambitions
- Setting a high standard of behaviour and expectation, modelling this as adults and challenging children to also achieve this, being aware of the needs of each other and strengthening friendships and a sense of community
- Providing boundaries, routines and consistency in as much of school life as possible
- Ensuring that the school environment provides physical safety and security but also teaches children how to deal with reasonable risks
- Responding quickly to needs and incidents, but also pro-actively teaching children how to deal with challenges and issues before they might meet them
- Ensuring that reasonable steps are taken to provide children with quality learning environments, resources and learning experiences

### **Our best possible education for a secure foundation in life includes:**

- Keeping up to date with new educational initiatives and developments, so that we provide quality professional development for staff to impact positively on children quickly
- Widening children's horizons beyond basic learning in the classroom, to have hopes and ambitions for the future, based on a realistic understanding of possibilities and challenges
- Equipping children with sufficient knowledge, understanding and skills to move on in their education and future life with the ambition to achieve their best and strive towards their high ambitions and hopes for their future