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Dear Parent/Carer

New Vision – Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Thank you for your valued opinions during the stakeholder consultation period which has informed our new vision and captured all that we stand for and aspire to be. Our staff, parents, pupils and governors have all played a part in shaping our new vision and we have now completed this project. The document attached will become central to the development of the school and will **build on the work of the past 186 years!**

One of the core purposes of the new vision is to **provide opportunities for growth in mind, body and spirit** to ensure the holistic development of all who work and learn here. Many of the findings from the recent consultation expressed the importance of a variety of factors, developing the whole child was a key response and has been reflected in the new vision, particularly aspects such as **confidence, creativity, citizenship, acquisition of knowledge and broadening horizons of hope and aspirations.**

Parents are given the responsibility as their child's first educators, to foster and nurture within them a well-rounded personal social education. As a school, our role is to support this understanding through the creation and delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum. By creating opportunities which engage and challenge children, their potential begins to be realised.

Once these fundamental principles become rooted deep within each child, they learn to flourish. They are ready to use their talents, demonstrate resilience and maturity, and discover the world from a new perspective.

As a Church of England school we are committed to our Christian ethos in which children feel confident about their work, and enjoy belonging to a community that encourages independence and respect. The vision for the future of our school clearly shows that the children are at the heart of everything that we undertake as a school. We are ensuring that the community that was built on Christian values and learning continues to be shaped through **compassion, forgiveness, friendship and trust.**

It is also important to us that all of our school community fully understand our vision and know how we each play a vital role in translating the vision into an everyday reality. It has been a long and rewarding journey which has created a rich stream of ideas and comment. These values which helped our school to become successful can be built on together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Walker
Headteacher

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