



**Lindale  
Church of England  
Primary School**

**Vision Document**

**Date: November 2021**

Staff, pupils, parents and governors have worked together to develop a new vision statement for our school.

Our new vision statement:

# Let Your Light Shine

We believe that everyone is an individual, created in the image of God, who should be encouraged and nurtured in order to flourish and achieve their full potential. We want all our pupils to develop skills and enthusiasm for learning so they can thrive in every area of life. We encourage everyone to positively understand their own worth and that of others. As a small rural school, we seek to broaden our understanding of the world and become advocates for good. Our aim is to inspire our whole school family to 'walk as children of light'.

The following pages outline the process we went through to develop this vision.

# The Visioning Process

We strived to involve all members of the school community in our visioning process, allowing everybody the opportunity to contribute their thoughts.

## Parent Questionnaire

We sent out a questionnaire for parents focusing on three questions:

What do you love about Lindale CE Primary School?

What makes our school special?

What would you want for our school going forwards?

Some of the responses are summarised below:

### What do you love about Lindale CE Primary School?

- Children are cared for
- The classroom environment is a perfect balance
- Children retain what they have learnt
- Any issues are dealt with quickly and fairly
- The behaviour policy is always followed fairly for everyone
- Teacher to parent communication has always been great
- Positive learning environment which encourages individuality and helps children to reach their full potential
- Small, warm, family, friendly
- In the heart of a lovely community
- Extra clubs which assist working families
- The staff know individual pupils well and have good relationships with the parents
- Having a change to know all the families, makes people feel included within a community

### What makes our school special?

- Small village school
- Lovely environment for the children
- VIP
- Lovely, well-behaved children through clear boundaries, good supervision and promoting a great ethos
- All children are encouraged and accepted to be as unique as they are
- Responsive
- Beautiful setting

- Genuinely passionate and caring staff
- Every child is treated as an individual and not a year group, giving them the highest learning opportunities to succeed to their ability

#### **What would you want for our school going forwards?**

- 'Not to change'
- Returning to interschool sports tournaments post COVID
- To continue to be progressive in teaching methods
- Continue to teach a wider range of skills such as polite assertiveness and resilience to set them up to deal with modern challenges e.g. social media
- 'Keep being amazing'
- More funding
- Catch up classes with gaps left from covid
- An outdoor learning area

## **Pupil input**

Teachers held a discussion with pupils in their class and recorded their feedback.

Some of their responses are summarised below:

#### **What do you love about Lindale CE Primary School? What makes our school special?**

- "Lots of nice things to do."
- Phonics and maths
- Friends
- "I love everything!"
- "Everyone is really kind."
- Everyone gets a long and is kind and helpful
- Lunches
- The climbing frame / lots of things to do at playtime /space to run around
- Computers, Athletics, TTRS
- It's a religious school
- Fun lessons
- Breaktimes
- The teachers
- It's a small school
- Doing music in assembly

- The people
- “The teachers are good at helping you.”

### **What would you want for our school going forwards?**

- To have more variety of clubs (e.g. football, cricket, karate)
- More equipment to play on
- “I want the school to be like how it is.”
- Charity events/ own clothes days
- “I want to keep the school values.”
- More PE

## **Staff and Governor Input**

We invited all staff and governors to a Vision Meeting in school. Charlotte Tudway, the Deputy Director of Education for the Diocese, also attended. Charlotte began by recapping the importance of having a strong vision that is embedded across school.

Staff and governors collaborated in discussion around the same three questions we asked the parents and pupils: What do you love about Lindale CE Primary School? What makes our school special? What would you want for our school going forwards? We also included print outs of the parent and pupil responses so these could be factored into discussions.

We thought more deeply about our vision by reflection on these questions:

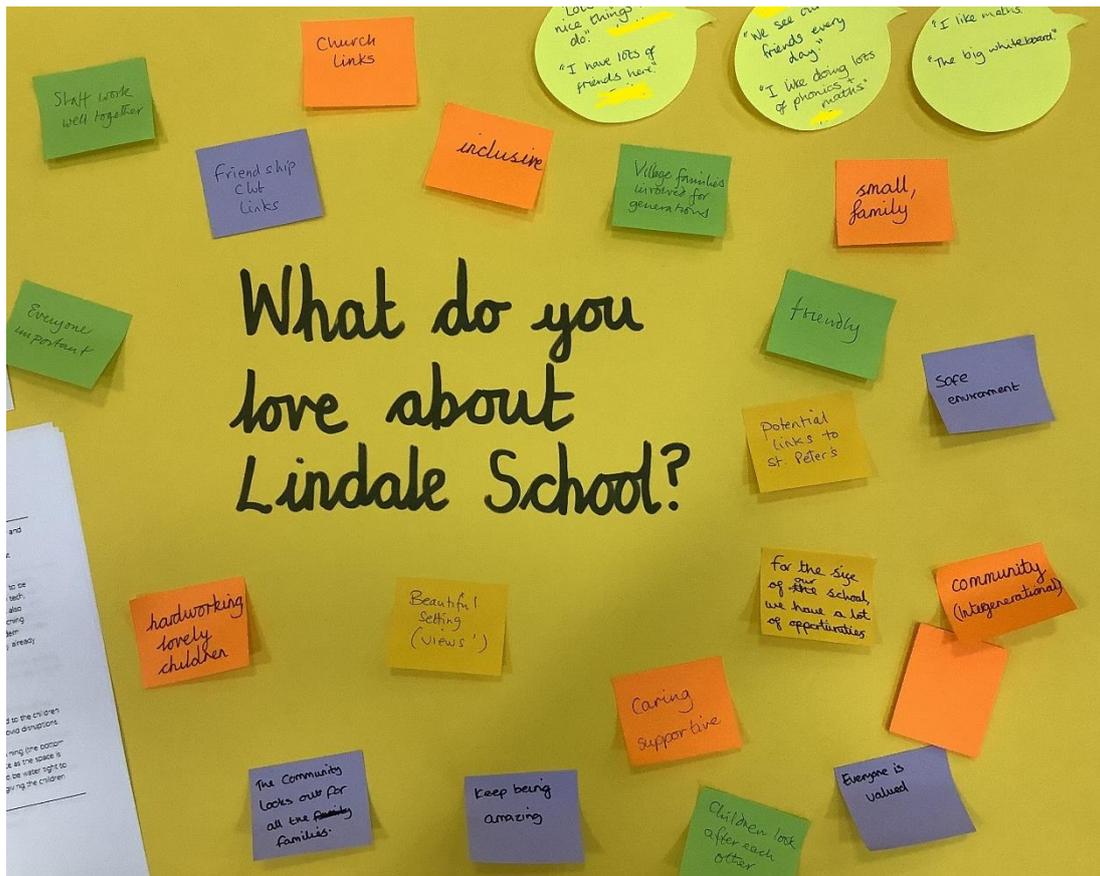
Which words best describe Lindale School?

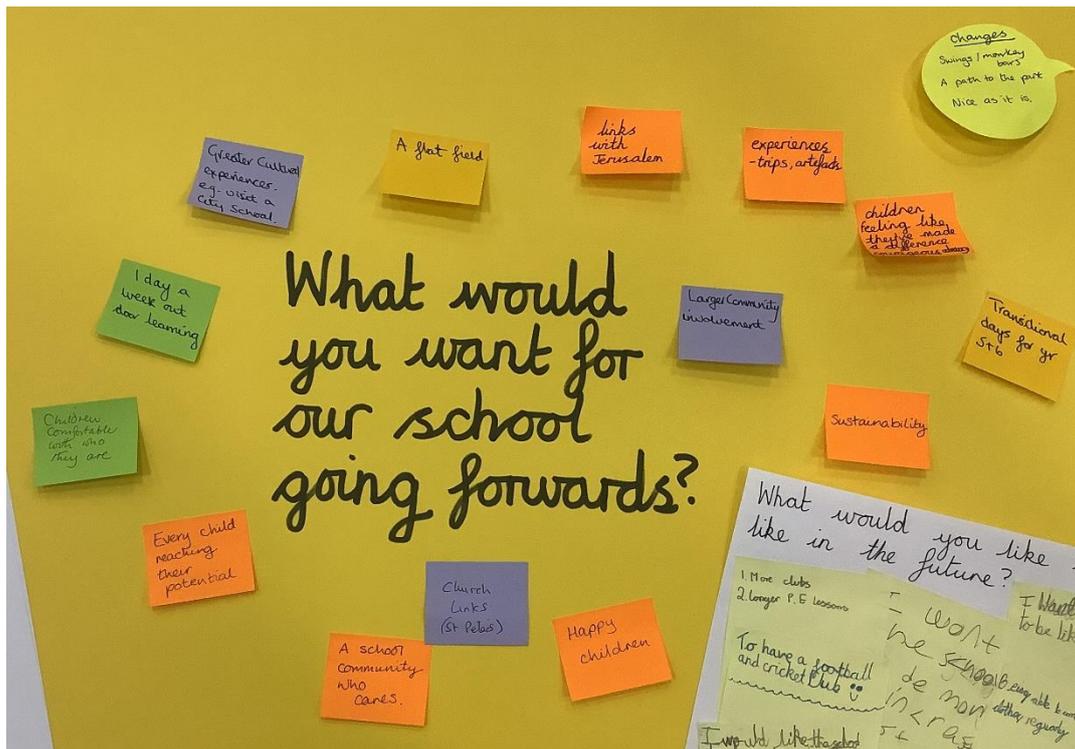
What is your vision for this school?

Can you articulate a theological basis for your vision?

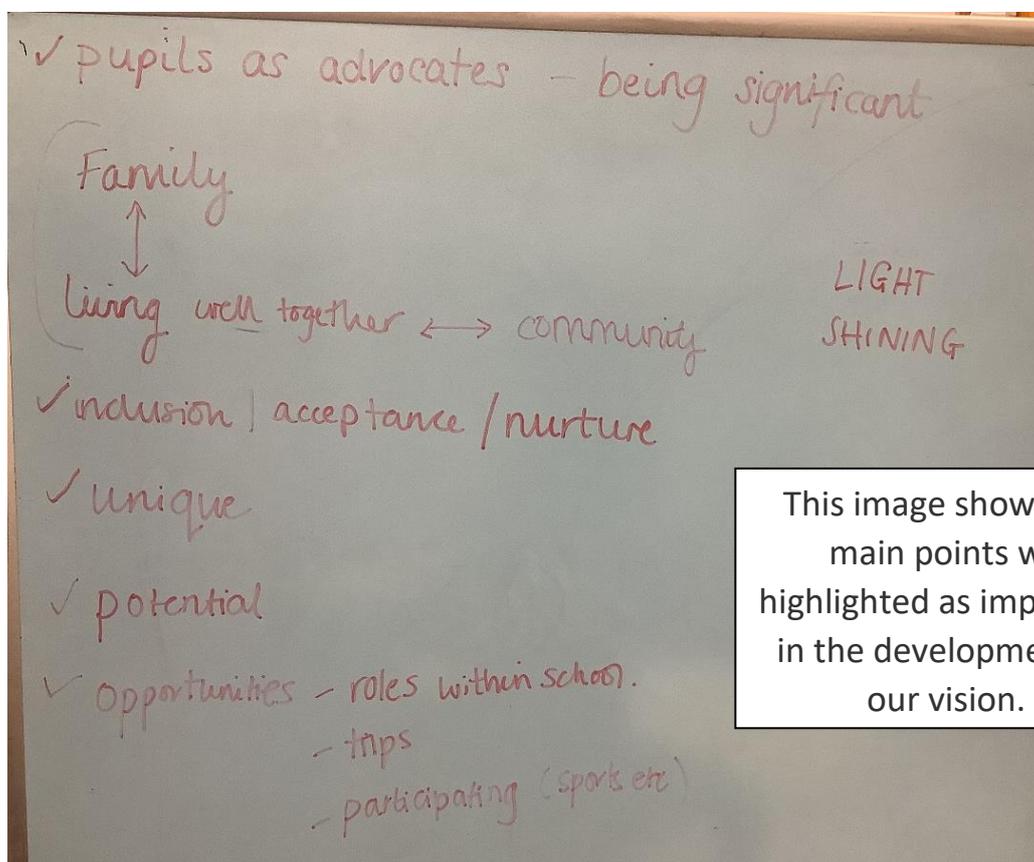
What about your particular school’s context means that you do the things you do or do them in a particular way?

On the next two pages, you will find images showing our discussion.





After group discussion, Charlotte helped to collect the group's ideas together. We listed what was important for us at Lindale and our vision for the school. We then worked together to link ideas.



This image shows the main points we highlighted as important in the development of our vision.

We looked at our current vision statement on the website and whether this reflected what we had discussed.

As we moved onto how our vision statement and strapline could be developed, we discussed the idea of every child's light shining in our school. This is a concept that we use a lot in school and we felt it fit with our discussions.

We ended the Vision Meeting at that point to allow everyone time to digest what was said.

## **Further Development**

All who attended the Vision Meeting were given the chance to provide any follow up thoughts or ideas. The governors who attended the Vision Meeting were then invited to attend a follow up meeting. Here several different ideas for our vision statement were discussed, focusing in on the idea of light and shining.

We kept coming back to the bible verse

*'Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'* Matthew 5:16

and this led us to

## **Let Your Light Shine**

Linking back to our previous discussions at the Vision Meeting and taking the views of pupils and parents into account, we feel that Let Your Light Shine encompasses all that we discussed as our vision for Lindale Church of England Primary School.