



Home School Agreement: Our Shared Purpose

The Bishops' Blue Coat vision

The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School is an exciting place to be. We know, nurture, and inspire our community to be the best version of themselves through a better understanding of the Christian faith, our core values, and a rich set of opportunities. Students achieve academically whilst growing personally and spiritually. Through their engagement in society, at Bishops' and beyond, our students make a positive difference through wise action, resilience, and a sense of responsibility. Our community is enabled to live a life guided by Jesus, to flourish and have, "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10).

Life in all its fullness is about living a varied and full life. Jesus recognised that flourishing and having 'life in all its fullness' presents opportunities to love, support and serve one another and grow closer to God. This inspires the Church of England vision for education and our shared purpose at Bishops'. The wider scripture of John 10 talks about Jesus being the Good Shepherd, reminding us how like a shepherd who cares for his sheep, Jesus knows us, loves us, and wants to nurture and inspire us to become better versions of ourselves. Our school badge with the shepherd's crook reminds us of this.

Our community is rooted in this scripture, and we are committed to being an inclusive school where all are known, nurtured, and inspired to be the best version of themselves. This involves developing academically and personally but also spiritually, through a deeper understanding about ourselves and our relationship to others, to the world around us and to God or a divine other. Flourishing is enabled through strong relationships and positive partnerships centred around the child. Flourishing is enabled by modelling values of dignity and respect, hope and aspiration, and wisdom, knowledge, and skills. Flourishing is enabled by encouraging resilience, a sense of responsibility and serving ourselves, our school and wider society.

Rooting our school in this vision for education means that:

- We treat everyone in our community with **dignity** and **respect** including ourselves.
- We value learning and opportunities to develop **wisdom, knowledge and skills**.
- We bring **hope** to others through service, kindness, forgiveness and love.
- We **aspire** to be the best version of ourselves.

To support our vision and core values all will know and support [Bishops' Expected Standards \(BES\)](#). It is our expectation that these standards will be known and put into practice by all our students and fully supported by parents and carers.

Pride

- By being equipped and ready to learn.
- By wearing correct uniform according to our [uniform policy](#).
- By making an effort with presentation of work, keeping books and resources in a school bag.

Positive choices

- By [attending school](#) on time (School starts at 8.45am) and arriving at lessons on time for a sharp start to learning.
- By engaging with an academic, spiritual and personal learning journey, engaging with opportunities to learn and progress.
- By following the [ICT acceptable](#) use protocol, ensuring electronic devices are off and away during learning time (including movement bells).

Respect all members of community

- By treating everyone well showing [dignity and respect](#) and not harming others through words or actions.
- By being upstanders, not bystanders and reporting harmful behaviour to a trusted adult.
- By respecting school resources and environment

Parents and staff have a responsibility to uphold our shared purpose for flourishing students and a flourishing school in its vision and core values through the use of BESt to support their child/ren to make positive choices in their behaviours and to work collaboratively with school staff. Both parents and staff have a responsibility to inform themselves on policies and practice which support our vision.