



**St. Pauls C/E Infant School
and Sure Start Children's Centre**

St. Paul's C/E Infant School, Tongham

We believe that people learn in different ways. At St Paul's we provide rich and varied environments and support allowing individuals to develop their skills and abilities to their full potential.

The words of St Paul inspire our 3 core values:-

- Compassion
- Courage
- Community

"Continue strong in the faith. Have courage and be strong. Do everything in love"
(The first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians)

Our core values help us to make decisions and focus and shape provision and the future of St Paul's School, Tongham.

Aims (What we want to achieve for the children who attend our school)

We aim to:

- Enable children to become healthy, confident, resilient, independent and happy;
- Enable children to be self assured and eager to learn;
- Develop children's self-esteem and help them build positive relationships with other people;
- Develop children's self-respect and encourage children to respect the ideas, attitudes, values and feelings of others; Showing and encouraging respect and tolerance for all cultures and people;
- Teach and promote Christian Values and a love of God;
- Enable children and families to understand their community, help them feel valued as part of this community and contribute to it;
- Help children grow into polite, honest and responsible citizens;
- Help children to be proud of their achievements, have realistic expectations of themselves and be successful in all that they do;
- Develop children's ability to express their feelings in a controlled way;
- Work with parents as partners in their child's learning;
- Identify any possible barriers to learning and work to remove those barriers.

Our Ethos (What our school should feel and look like)

At St Paul's we expect there to be a happy, caring and purposeful atmosphere where people are kind, polite and tolerant. The staff work hard to provide enjoyable, challenging and clearly structured learning tasks and consequently the children are expected to listen carefully, respond positively and work to the best of their ability. We are committed to supporting children and their families. We pride ourselves on our inclusivity and knowledge of every child as an individual. We place a strong emphasis upon helping others, sharing skills and caring for our environment, both inside and around school as well as in the outside world.

Our beliefs (beliefs that extend and enhance our values and underpin what we do)

- Inclusion
- Inspiration/aspiration
- Challenge to be the best
- All children and families are special and individual
- Where a family or child needs additional support this should be provided in a timely manner
- We must be prepared to “fight” for services for those in need
- Nurture and care
- Resilience
- Children and their families are entitled to the best possible education
- Community

What makes us special as a church school?

As a church school we fully embrace the Church of England Vision for Education “Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good”.

We are committed to the promise by Jesus of “Life in all its fullness” developing a love of God and His world, as well as a care for others and ourselves. We celebrate and promote our close links with our parish church and our local community.

Our values and beliefs reflect the Church of England Vision:-

- Compassion(Educating for Dignity and Respect)
- Courage (Educating for Hope and Aspiration)
- Community (Educating for Community and Living Well Together)
- Inclusion (Educating for Dignity and Respect)
- Inspiration/aspiration (Educating for Hope and Aspiration)
- Challenge to be the best (Educating for Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills/ Educating for Dignity and Respect)
- All children and families are special and individual (Educating for Dignity and Respect)
- Where a family or child needs additional support this should be provided in a timely manner (Educating for Dignity and Respect)
- We must be prepared to “fight” for services for those in need (Educating for Dignity and Respect)
- Caring (Educating for Community and Living Well Together)
- Build resilience(Educating for Hope and Aspiration)
- Children and their families are entitled to the best possible education (Education for Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills)

St Paul’s – Compassion, Courage, Community