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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to share some news about the way we express our school's vision and also the revised Christian values. Our school vision is:

Within our secure Christian environment, our vision is to develop healthy, happy, motivated learners who aspire to achieve their full potential and who look to the future with confidence.

After some thoughtful reflection, involving staff, children and governors, we have chosen a new guiding Bible verse for our community:

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

This verse speaks to the heart of what we want for every child in our school: to discover their unique gifts, grow in confidence, and shine brightly in the world around them. To capture this powerful message, our vision motto will be:

"Let Your Light Shine."

If you haven't already seen this featuring in our social media posts, you'll start to see this phrase in our classrooms, around the school, and in the way we talk with the children about learning, kindness, and living out our values. We have intentionally chosen a phrase that you can use at home too, if you wish. We believe it will help each child understand that they are special, that their light matters, and that, by sharing our light, we can make a positive difference in our school, our community, and beyond.

Children will be encouraged to let their light shine through all the Christian values, but there will be a focus on one per term: Friendship, Perseverance, Service, Respect, Trust and Compassion. In this half term, we have been focusing on the value of Friendship. If you ask your child what this term's value is, they should know it.

Positive phrases that may support conversation around the vision motto and value at home:

How have you let your light shine today?

Who do you know that let their light shine today?

Look at you letting your light shine by...

How did you show you were a good friend today?

Who was a good friend to you today?

You are such a good friend because you...

Please see the attached document - your child is learning some actions to go with the Bible verse. They might like to show you at home. Thank you, as always, for supporting us in helping your children grow, learn, and shine.

With warm wishes,

Mrs Svenson and Mrs Salt