

# The Vision of our School

What do you see?

#### We set out to describe a vision for our School

We talked with the School Council, Parents, and Staff
We imagined, talked, and tried to write down words that described 'what we see'

Our vision is to describe who we want our children to become, the values they can learn and the environment they can learn in.

The vision is not 'what they can do' but 'who will they become'.



#### **Our Word Clouds**

The children described their vision, these are some of their word clouds





role-model keep-going persistence values resilience supportive encouragement forgiveness challenge determination don't-give-up included friendship learn bounce-back entertaining triumph enthusiasm



#### **Our Word Clouds**

Parents and Staff described their vision, these are some of their word clouds



place-in-community acceptance self-confident





#### **Our Word Clouds**

Take a moment to see all of our words altogether!





Note: the size of the word indicates the frequency it was mentioned by stakeholders. 'Respect', 'happy', 'confidence' and 'safe' are therefore the most highly rated values

We looked for themes and started out trying to find a word that summed up these thoughts

'well-rounded experience' 'content' 'happy' 'know your potential' 'achieve your full potential' 'interested'



### We summarised these things as being



#### fulfilled

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adjective

satisfied or happy because of fully developing one's abilities or character.

Jesus said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full' John 10:10

#### **Consultation Key-Words:**

Well-rounded experience, content, happy, know-your-potential, achieve-your-potential, interested, mature, fun, resilient, motivated, joyful, courteous, prepared.



We tried to find a second word that summed up these thoughts

'self-esteem' 'caring' 'thankful' 'kind' 'wholeness' 'safe' 'resilient' 'know their mind' 'can speak their mind' 'Christian Values' 'inclusive & tolerant'



## We summarised these things as being



## healthy

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adjective

in a good physical or mental condition; in good health.

Paul said "For in him we live and move and have our being' Acts 17:28

#### **Consultation Key-Words:**

Self-esteem, caring, fairness, kind, wholeness, thankful, **safe**, resilient, know-their-mind, can-speak-their-mind, Christian Values, inclusive, included, tolerant, generous, honest



We tried to find a third word that summed up these thoughts

'competence' 'determination' 'prepared' 'friendship' 'honest' 'considerate' 'hard work' 'confident' 'responsible' 'achieving your best' 'positive-relationships' 'respect'



### We summarised these things as being

# successful

#### successful

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adjective

accomplishing a desired aim or result.

"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future' Jeremiah 29:11

#### Consultation Key-Words:

Competent, determined, prepared, friendship, considerate, honest, hard-work, **confident**, responsible, achieving-your-best, positive-relationships, **respect**, don't-give-up



# What are we becoming?

# Fulfilled Healthy Successful



# How will they learn and grow towards our vision?

Our **vision** needs **values** that model the behaviour

Fulfilled learn to be

Confident Determined

Healthy

learn

Friendship Respect

Successful

learn

Forgiveness Celebration



# What do you see?

# Forty Hill CE School

"Our Vision is

that our welcoming Christian community gives every child every opportunity to be

fulfilled, healthy and successful."



# What do you see?

Our values are to develop confidence, respect and determination, create friendships, learn forgiveness and share in celebration



# Draft vision statement consultation

We presented the vision journey in a powerpoint that was sent to all stakeholders, discussions were held with members of staff, and at Rose Fayre the vision was presented at a stand with opportunity to interrogate.

- 20 people left a mark on the 'happy scale', all of them in the top 25%.
- 2 people felt they could not participate as they felt hurt and did not know how to align to the vision.
- 1 person did not mark on the scale as they felt the vision was not ambitious and 'nothing special' and
  was so generic that it 'could describe any school in the country, it is not distinct to our school at all'.
  This person also said 'respect' was the largest key word but was not in the vision at all.
- 4 people (didn't mark) felt that the vision did not mean anything unless stakeholders get involved and carry it out i.e. show the values and build the vision. "engagement", "print it out around the school so the children see it everywhere".
- 1 person felt that the vision was positive, but many families, including their own, needed to draw a line to the past "that is what was, this is forward from here" and make a conscious choice to move on.
- 1 person thought it would make the children and staff happy, and felt 'confidence' and 'fairness' were most important. Another said 'the children need to be able to have fun'.
- 1 person asked 'how we will we know it is achieved? How is the vision tangible', perhaps we could say 'measureable'?
- 5 girls thought the words should spell out the school name, and then saw they were 'FHS'!
- A Governor felt that 'being safe' is too important to be left out of the vision statement



# Draft vision statement consultation

#### Response to draft comments

- We think the vision has achieved something everyone can align to and understand, but there needs to be communication around what 'we' define or mean by our three vision words i.e. how the stakeholder thoughts feed in and give 'simple' words greater depth.
- Governors should consider those parents who feel hurt by the school (even who have hurt the school) and how we help them 'draw a line'. The person suggested surgery style 1-2-1's and an 'honesty box' to write and leave written 'hurts' as a way of supporting moving on.
- The Vision Words are simple and generic without context, but with our stakeholder context have meaning, and certainly fulfil the original task "What do we want our children to become as part of FHS? We want our children to be fulfilled, healthy and successful".
- "Respect should be core, but you've not even got it in your vision statement" We feel respect is a
  value not a vision ("Our children will become respectful" does not speak of aspiration for our school
  leavers, and arguably should be taught at home) and is one of 6 values for 2017-18.
- Presenting the vision is currently difficult because we do not have digital images of the logo. However
  the vision and values must be presented around the school. Vision posters/cards have been produced,
  the logo has been recreated digitally in order to aid publicity and engagement.
- Safety has been included in the vision statement
- We are still to consider and discuss how we measure the impact and achievement of our vision.



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that our safe and welcoming
Christian community gives



every child every opportunity to be

fulfilled, healthy and successful.

# **Our Values**

to develop confidence, respect and determination, create friendships, learn forgiveness, and share in celebration



**Fulfilled** 

Healthy

Successful







