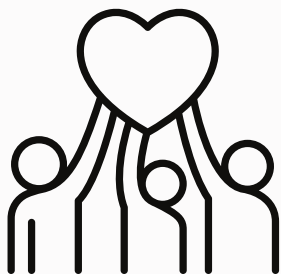


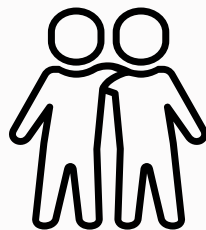
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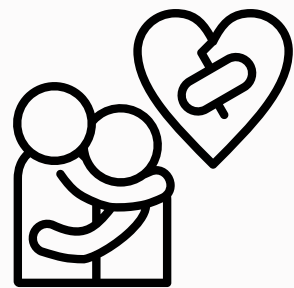
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Our Mission Statement



Our mission statement was reviewed in 2024 in discussion with staff, the church, and the children.

In our school we have always had very strong relationships but we have recognized social changes. The need for faith's guidance and strength has intensified. We looked at what our community needed- we saw a need for Christian values, and above all a need for compassion, forgiveness and friendship.

We looked at what the Bible teaches us about these things, and adopted them as our values. We saw them as encapsulated by the theme of Christian love.

We looked at the two most important commandments- (Matthew 22:36-40) love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" and "love thy neighbour as thyself", and saw Paul's message to the church in Corinth as relevant to our school today: "Do everything in love."

At Rosehill Methodist Primary School we strive to do everything in love.

Through living out our Christian Values we seek to equip our pupils with the skills to become the very best they can- for themselves, for others and for our wonderful world. We want our children to be grounded in their relationships with themselves, in their relationships with others, in their relationships with their world and in their relationship with God/ the big beyond.

We want children to be able to enact positive change across all spheres of society- that our children feel empowered and that the world benefits from their words and deeds.

"Do everything in love," is at the heart of what it means to be Christian. The context of the verse is that Paul was writing to the church in Corinth. He said: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

At Rosehill we aim to apply this instruction to our lives as we pursue our vision and strive to be more like Jesus. That is our calling- to provide a school where the values of Jesus are alive.

We actively seek to let love guide our thoughts, actions and words as we embrace a culture of togetherness.

Likewise, following the words of John Wesley, "I look upon all the world as my parish"- Journal, June 11, 1739- we aim to ensure that all members of our school have a clear understanding of Christian faith and are able to develop the skills required to reach out and engage with the world. That they may truly love God, and also love their neighbour. (Mark: 12:30-31)





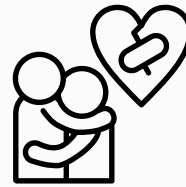
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‘Love one another as I have loved you’ John 13:34

In our school, we believe that God’s love surrounds us all. This part of our vision guides our way in setting the highest aspirations for the relationship we enjoy with both God and each other. This is why we do what we do.

In our school community, it is important to show that love for each other in the ways we act towards others. Everyone is welcome. We value compassion and peace, respecting each other and accepting difference so as to live in harmony.

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Our goal is that in the passage above you may replace “Love” with “Our school” and that is how we shall be.

John Wesley (co-founder of the Methodist movement) urged us to ‘watch over one another in love.’

Hence our overriding mission statement: “Do everything in love.”





Our Values



Compassion

At Rosehill, children are taught to understand the compassion and kindness Jesus showed to those who were suffering or unhappy and follow his example. Children are taught to understand that offering help, caring for others and being sensitive to those who may be suffering, not only makes others happier but also creates a fulfilment within ourselves.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
Ephesians 4:32

In our school, children are encouraged to join in with games, to help each other up when they fall and to listen to one another. They are taught to use kind hands and kind words, and to understand the impact upon others of their own words and actions.

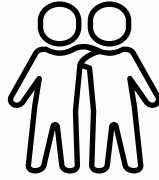
Adults encourage children here and adapt to the needs of all. Inclusivity is seen as integral within the Christian ethos of the school. We take the time to know the children as individuals, and to take an interest in them beyond their work so that we can better nurture them to help them flourish.

Adult to adult relationships are equally premised upon the Christian value of compassion. Adults here check in on one another, they support each other and help each other in their work, and through challenging times in their lives.





Our Values



Friendship

At Rosehill we explore together, what friendship with Jesus means for Christians. Jesus' example of self-sacrificial love and commitment to his friends is one that inspires us to place the needs of others above our own and make our friendships faithful and resilient.

We encourage an attitude of inclusivity and openness to others, regardless of religious, ethnic or socio-economic background. We are pro-active in forming links and building relationships with schools and individuals from a wide range of social, cultural and religious settings.

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help.” Ecclesiastes 4:9

“I no longer call you servant”, said Jesus.... Instead, I have called you friends.” John 15:15

At Rosehill you will see our buddies in action, our friendship bench- a system in place ensuring every child can have friends. Prefects set the example, to help one another and especially to help younger and struggling children.

Adults will meet and greet the children with a friendly smile and a name, will interact with the children and play with them, too. Adults are approachable, engaging, and give their time.

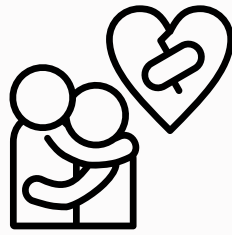
Staff care for the well-being of each other, and enjoy each other's company, be it in the staffroom or at out of school social events.

Relationships with children's parents and carers are strong and mutually supportive, that we may work together for the benefit of the children.





Our Values



Forgiveness

At Rosehill we understand that all people can make mistakes and this is not a weakness. We help children understand that forgiveness is not just about saying sorry but rather understanding and empathising with others. Without true forgiveness it is impossible to move on from any incident and, in following Jesus's example, we ensure we are always ready to turn the other cheek and move on.

“Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all.” Psalm 65:3

In our school, children are taught that it is okay to get things wrong. In lessons, they are familiar with the acronym “F.A.I.L.” as “first attempt in learning.” Likewise socially, they are taught to understand that we are all flawed and we must not seek perfection in others. Only Jesus was perfect.

Children are taught to accept and forgive what has gone wrong, and to move on together in harmony. Through our teaching children become equipped to resolve small differences: not just to make friends, but to sustain friendships.

Adults listen to children, and forgive them where they have gone wrong. In the same way that adults teach children how to improve their school work, they work to develop the children socially. Where there are arguments, adults work within our behaviour policy to restore positive relationships. The next day, the next session, even the next moment is a chance to move forward. Behaviour is understood as communication of need.

Adults at Rosehill have all made a conscious choice to work in our Methodist school. We see everybody as children of God, therefore deserving of love and to be cherished. As with children, where mistakes are made, forgiveness is freely given. No grudges are held. The work environment is one of high expectations of self and in treatment of others.



