Our Vision

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At Tankersley St Peters, our vision is to encourage a ***'love of learning in a distinctively Christian environment'*** for all of our school family**.**

In the same way that **St Peter** was nurtured by Jesus and allowed to grow and flourish as a leader, we aspire to help all our children to:

- Aim High and have self-belief
- Community Spirit
- Be enterprising
- Have enquiring minds
- Be respectful

We teach all our children that '*they are God's masterpiece'* (Ephesians 2:10). By **aiming high and having self-belief**, our children are encouraged to flourish and fulfil their God-given potential.

Our school aims to be a thriving community with shared values and aspirations. The Bible teaches us that '*though we are many, we form one body'* (Romans 12:5). We seek to develop a **spirit of community** in our school family and also to be outward looking as we embrace relationships with schools in other areas of the world. We ask **'***Who is my neighbour?'* (Luke 10:29) and learn global answers, exploring the wider world around us.

Our children are **enterprising** individuals who think creatively and confidently embrace learning in different ways. Our children are taught that they '*can do all things through Christ who gives them strength.'* (Philippians 4:13) We encourage all pupils, whatever their background or belief, to stretch themselves spiritually, morally, intellectually, imaginatively and actively. *(Church of England Vision for education – Page 10)*

Enquiry was central to Jesus' life and teachings. For every question he answered simply, he asked a hundred. Our children encounter Christian faith in a spirit of enquiry. Jesus said *'ask and you will receive, seek and you will*

find. Knock and the door shall be opened to you.'(Matthew 7:7). Our curriculum is centred around an enquiry based learning approach where we encourage children to question the world around them.

At Tankersley St Peters, children are accepted in a spirit of grace. They are not judged. This is rooted in the understanding that we are all created in the image of God. We are loved and accepted by God for who we are. Children are taught to **respect one another** as individuals and *''love their neighbour as themselves''* (Luke 10:27) Tolerance is strongly encouraged and rewarded. Pupils are taught to accept differences, celebrate diversity and champion justice.

We have a strong link to our church, **St Peter's** and many church members are actively involved in school life. Our children enjoy regular visits to St Peter's for key Christian festivals throughout the year.

Our **school logo** consists of a fish and a pair of crossed keys, both of which link to St Peter. The fish is a key symbol used to represent Christianity as the Greek word for fish is 'Icthus', which in Greek spells out 'Jesus Christ God's Son'. Peter was also a fisherman by trade and he was given the task by Jesus of 'fishing for people' (Mark 1:17). The crossed keys are often referred to as the 'Keys of Heaven', given to Peter by Jesus. They also represent our desire to unlock the potential inside every one of our children and enable them to thrive.

Each of our school aims is linked to an event from the **Gospels or a story that Jesus taught.** These are as follows:

- **Aiming High & Self-Belief** – The Feeding of the Five Thousand (Mark 6: 30-44)
- **Community Spirit** – The Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14: 15-24)
- **Enterprise** – The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30)
- **Enquiry** – The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7: 7-8)
- **Respect** – The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)