

# Ethos Statement

Recognising its historic roots in the provision for education of village boys made by endowments to St. James Church, Syresham in 1755 and 1773 and as recorded in the school's Trust Deeds dated 11<sup>th</sup> October 2001, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England, which includes respecting other faiths, and in partnership with the Church in the Parish of Syresham St. James the Great, and at diocesan level.

The school aims to serve primarily the parish of Syresham St. James and then also the surrounding parishes, where parents are seeking a village Church of England school, by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice.

It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

# The Aims of Syresham St. James CE Primary School

- ❖ To provide for all the children and all who work and visit school, a happy, secure and stimulating Christian Community.
- ❖ To foster the children's growth and development in an environment in which they are respected and valued.
- ❖ To give all children equal access to learning and all learning opportunities, and to enable them to achieve their full potential.
- ❖ To create a total learning environment in every part of the school and grounds.
- ❖ To enable the children to find satisfaction in learning by making it real and relevant to them and based on first hand practical experience.
- ❖ To encourage the children to become independent from the onset as this will foster greater self-motivation and discipline.
- ❖ To provide the children with many opportunities to make good relationships with other children and adults, both in school, the local community and with other schools.
- ❖ To then encourage the children to be confident and respect each other.
- ❖ To enable the children to understand the role of the school as part of the community and the community as part of the school.
- ❖ To secure our children's appreciation of their four families; home, school, the Church and the Community.
- ❖ To enable our four families to work as closely as possible as a team for the benefit of the children.