School Vision and Values

‘Shine like stars’

We shine our own light in everything we do - at school, in our community and within the wider world.

Shine with Love, Shine with Courage, Shine with Inspiration

‘Shine like stars in the sky as we hold onto the word of life’ (Philippians 2:15)

At **Pamphill Cof E First School**, we are proud to be a caring and nurturing school in a beautiful National Trust setting, where everyone is supported to grow with confidence and develop the skills and knowledge needed for the next steps in their journey. Our values of Love, Courage, and Inspiration, alongside our learning values of Respect, Engagement, and Readiness, guide us to achieve our best and lay the foundation for a bright future.

We believe that children thrive in an environment filled with kindness and care, rooted in our faith and guided by Christian values. Each child is valued as an individual, and we aim to inspire them to reach their full potential by fostering high standards in teaching, learning, and behaviour, while cultivating a spirit of love, courage, respect, and ambition.

To ensure the policy is biblically grounded, we have linked our values to the specific Bible passage for the Feeding of the 5,000

John 6:1-14 (The Miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes)

LOVE	**John 6: 1-14** The boy showed love by offering his own food to strangers. He lived a life of love by being selfless. In our school, we show love by sharing our talents and being kind to everyone in our community.	**Self:** Children learn that love means making good choices — sharing, being patient, and thinking about others, even when it costs them something, just like the boy who shared his food. **Others:** In school, children show love by being kind to classmates, including others in play, sharing resources, forgiving mistakes, and helping friends who are struggling. **World & Beyond:** Children begin to understand that love is not just for friends but for everyone. Through charity events, caring for the environment, and helping the wider community, they learn how small acts of love can make a big difference in the world.

COURAGE	**John 6: 1-14** Jesus taught us that we are never too small to make a difference. It took courage for the boy to offer what he had to the disciples. We show courage by being "brave enough to be kind" and standing up for what is right, even when we feel small.	**Self:** Children experience courage when they try something new, speak up, or make the right choice, even when they feel nervous or unsure. **Others:** In school life, children show courage by standing up for others, being “brave enough to be kind,” telling the truth, and challenging unkind behaviour. **World & Beyond:** Children learn that courage helps them face challenges in the wider world — seeking fairness, showing resilience, and trusting that God is with them when things feel difficult or uncertain.
INSPIRATION	**John 6: 1-14** Jesus took a small gift and did something miraculous. This inspires us to know that when we do our best, we inspire others. We learn that we don't have to be perfect; we just have to be willing to try, and Jesus will do the rest.	**Self:** Children are inspired to believe in themselves and recognise that their efforts matter. They learn that they don’t have to be perfect — just willing to try and do their best. **Others:** In school, children inspire one another through positive attitudes, encouragement, teamwork, and by using their talents to help and uplift others. **World & Beyond:** Children begin to see how their actions can inspire change beyond the classroom. With God’s help, they understand that even small actions can lead to big outcomes and encourage others to do good in the wider world.

Guided by love and inspired by courage;

Each child is helped to:

- **Nurture lively, enquiring minds** – encouraging imagination, curiosity, and sensitivity, while inspiring children to see the wonder of God’s creation
- **Build knowledge, skills, confidence and self-esteem** – fostering a readiness to learn, and the courage to face challenges with resilience
  Develop strong personal and moral values – rooted in love and respect, ensuring every member of our community is valued, cared for and treated with dignity
- **Live out our Christian values** – grow in faith, show love in action, be courageous in character, and be inspired to serve others as Christ taught us

This is done by:

- **Providing stimulating lessons**, asking thoughtful questions, encouraging exploration, and celebrating creativity
- **Offering a broad, balanced curriculum**, setting achievable goals, giving constructive feedback, and recognising achievements
- **Modelling kindness and fairness**, promoting teamwork and empathy, setting clear behaviour expectations, and encouraging reflection on right and wrong
- **Embedding prayer and worship**, celebrating Christian festivals, taking part in charitable activities, and showing love, courage, and service in action

Together, we strive to create an environment where children are inspired, engaged and empowered to flourish.

