

# St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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## **"Personal Development at St Mary's is Outstanding" - Ofsted Dec 2021**

### Our Vision

*To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).*

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **ST MARY'S SCHOOL ETHOS AND VALUES**

Our Christian Ethos, School Vision and Values lie at the heart of all that we do and this was recognised in our most recent [Excellent SIAMS report](#) and our award of the [Values-based Education Quality Mark](#), which we hope that you have read. Please click on the highlighted links above to view these reports on our school website. We plan a rich variety of worship and activities both in class and in the local community to support our children to understand and live our School Values; you can learn more about the children's amazing learning on our [Website Values pages](#).

Community is central to our Vision and parents have an important part to play in ensuring that our school community is a place of Peace and Respect for all of our children, staff and families.

We are writing in response to an incident that occurred in the playground at the end of last term, which resulted in a small number of parents arguing, with raised voices. Please be assured that we take this unacceptable behaviour very seriously and that this behaviour does not define us as a school. We appreciate the vast majority of parents that model our expected standards of personal conduct every day, providing a model for our children to follow.

Parents should never approach other parents or children regarding their concerns. Please can we remind you that should you ever have any concerns to raise, please make an appointment via the school office team to meet with your child's class teacher or a senior school leader.

We believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school. We would like to assure you that the school will not tolerate conduct of this nature on or around its premises and will always act to defend its staff and students.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Graham, Headteacher / Mrs J Pring, Chair of Governors

