**A St John’s Good Citizen**

***‘Children are a gift from the Lord’ (Psalm 127 v.3)***

**The vision of our school**

***St. John’s is a caring, Christian community striving to support its members to achieve their God given potential. Exploring our unique gifts and raising aspirations, we prepare our children for the challenges of the modern world. Following Jesus’ example, we seek to grow good people who can make a difference.***

PSHE underpins life at St. John’s Primary School.

At St John’s, we believe that nurturing happy and healthy children is central to all aspects of their learning and development.

We believe that our children should acquire the ability to make informed, healthy and moral choices in their lives and recognise that they should play a positive role in the school and their wider community.

We endeavour that our PSHE curriculum will help enable our children to become confident, independent members of society with an awareness of their rights and responsibilities as individuals and as part of a diverse society.

The PSHE association programme builders ensure developmental progression by revisiting themes year on year, building on and extending prior learning.

We recognise that each and every child is a ‘…gift from the Lord’ consequently, developing and supporting every child in our care: spiritually, morally, socially, culturally and intellectually to become the best that they can be is fundamental to all that we do. We want our children to have the desire to aspire and achieve whatever they want in the world.

As with all curriculum subjects, our school’s Christian vision drives all of our learning.

**God in our Lives**

Our school is a safe place where curious children feel they can discuss and develop their understanding. Through PSHE lessons and PSHE throughout the wider curriculum children will be provided with the skills and knowledge to know that we are all God’s children irrespective of our different backgrounds, race etc.

**Ignite your fire**

We provide children with the opportunities to become resilient and to fight for what they want. We want children to strive to be the best that they can be with high expectations of themselves.

**Family**

PSHE embodies our mission at St. John’s to be good friends, build strong relationships and be respectful to each other as well as ourselves. We will learn about different types of families and how we are accepting of everybody’s different backgrounds. PSHE prepares children for citizenship in today’s diverse world. However, we recognise that our school serves a local community that is less diverse than many parts of the country. Therefore, it’s essential that our children learn about the differences that there are throughout the wider community.

**Truth**

Truth and honesty is embedded throughout out PSHE lessons and how we conduct ourselves in our St. John’s community. PSHE provides opportunities for spiritual development, personal reflection and the children will explore themselves as an individual – knowing that we are all unique and it’s ok to be different. It provokes challenging questions about meaning and purpose, truth and values, identity and belonging. .