



Trust is the basis of our relationships with each other and with God. We see that God trusts ordinary people to carry out his purposes throughout the stories of the Bible and of the history of the Church.

We believe that children should be trusted and that they rise to the chance to show us that we can depend on them. We believe that every adult in the school is a role model for being trustworthy. When things go wrong and we break each other's trust, we can seek to restore the relationship with each other. This is also what we do with God the Father, when we say 'Sorry' and seek forgiveness.

We know that St John the Baptist was trusted by God to be his messenger. We know that Mary trusted God when the Angel came to give her a message about her baby. We know that Jesus showed he trusted God the Father, even when the events of Easter happened, he still held on to his trust in God the Father.

**Trust – in God the Father**



Respect is about giving everyone a choice about who they are and how they live. We see that God gives everyone the chance to respect him and all the people he has created in his image. We respect people from every religion and culture, whatever their ability or disability, gender or race.

We believe that children should be respected as unique individuals, created by God. We believe that every adult is equally worthy of respect, regardless of the job they do, it is them as a person who we respect. We respect each other's feelings, possessions and the environment we share. We know that God the Holy Spirit helps us to show respect for God and for one another as we get the chance to pray, worship and reflect on our relationship with God and with each other, as we wish to. We see the Holy Spirit helping people to respect each other and God, like Zaccheus, who changed his ways, and we see the Holy Spirit showing people to respect Jesus, like at his baptism by St John the Baptist, when the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

**Respect God – with help from the Holy Spirit**



Friendship is about everyone being invited in and being a part of our school. We see that God calls everyone his friend and invites us to be friends with him by sending Jesus to show us how to be friends with God and with each other.

We believe that children should be taught how to be a good friend, and that adults in school have a responsibility to model warm, friendly, working relationships with each other and with the children. We help children to restore friendships when things go wrong as they learn how to be good friends with some and friendly to everyone.

We know that Jesus shows us how to be a good friend, for example in being friends with his cousin, St John the Baptist. Jesus had twelve special friends and he shows us how to be a friend by sharing his ideas, his food and his time, and asking them to pray for him. Jesus appeared to his friends after his resurrection and showed us that we can be friends with God even when we get things wrong, because friends forgive one another.

**Be a friend to all and to God, as Jesus was**



*"I can trust people to keep secrets."*



*"Respect is where you really listen to someone."*



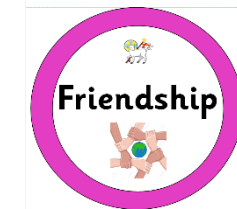
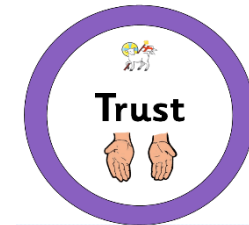
*"I think friendship is important because without friends life would be boring."*

### Why do our values matter?

*"Respect and trust are important because without them there would be no happiness."*

*"If we didn't have respect I think it would be really horrible."*

*"I think our values are important because they are based on our Christian faith."*



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