

⁵Because you have these blessings, do all you can to add to your life these things: to your faith add goodness; to your goodness add knowledge; ⁶to your knowledge add self-control; to your self-control add patience; to your patience add devotion to God; ⁷to your devotion add kindness toward your brothers and sisters in Christ, and to this kindness add love. ⁸If all these things are in you and growing, you will never fail to be useful to God. You will produce the kind of fruit that should come from your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:5-8**



Friends

⁷to your devotion add kindness toward your brothers and sisters in Christ, and to this kindness add love.

Relationships are at the very heart of the big story of the bible. Relationships between people and God, as well as people with people. It is God's clear intention from the very beginning of the bible that he desires relationships with people even when we make mistakes. He actively pursues people in order to meet them where they are at and rebuild relationship where it has become damaged. This was most dramatically seen through Jesus Christ who came to make a bridge between all mankind and God, showing us what God is like. God brings about the opportunity for humanity to flourish in a new way of living alongside each other.

At Meriden CE Primary School we strive to promote, healthy, balanced and respectful relationships in all that we do between all members of our school community. It is within a community of belonging that the values of compassion, kindness and forgiveness can be fully played out as children and adults discover what it means to be dressed in the 'Creator's' wardrobe.

Faith

⁶to your knowledge add self-control; to your self-control add patience; to your patience add devotion to God;

Church schools were inspired by a belief that all children have been made by God in his likeness and therefore *all* children are *worth* educating fully, irrespective of class, gender or ethnicity. It is the 'whole' child that is worth educating whether that be academically, physically, emotionally or spiritually.

We take a wide view of education in that we are encouraging the development of the *whole* child. A child's spiritual development is of great importance and is threaded through the whole curriculum alongside their social, moral and cultural development. Both children and adults can grow spiritually and therefore we plan in opportunities across the curriculum for children to raise and explore questions that consider their place in the world and the reason they are here. The curriculum is carefully designed to foster children's awe and wonder and to reflect on things greater than themselves.

Lifelong learning

⁸If all these things are in you and growing, you will never fail to be useful to God. You will produce the kind of fruit that should come from your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout Jesus's life, he modelled growth and intentionally developed to become everything that God the Father called him to be. In his formative years, Jesus prepared himself for his life ahead. For Christians, their salvation is something to be worked at and worked out not simply something they are born into or a one-off commitment.

At Meriden CE Primary School it is through this vision and a firmly rooted set of values that we endeavour to fully prepare children for the life ahead of them. It is in learning to get 'fully dressed' that we encourage these behaviours to move from being awkward and difficult, like learning to tie a tie, to becoming more natural and second-nature. Many of the jobs that children leaving school will do may not be created yet so focusing upon the development of character in pupils goes hand in hand with a vibrant, engaging and varied curriculum that lays the foundation for what lies ahead.

[Link to our values \(the clothing\).](#)