



# Living out our values The St Brigid's way...



## FAITH

We are a community of faith, living out the values of courage, joy and hope;

- ❖ Lovingly accepting the gift of our belief in God as Trinity.
- ❖ Continuing to nourish our faith through prayer, reflection and further education.
- ❖ Spreading God's love, in all we do and say as St Brigid did.

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." Matthew 21:22

## COURAGEOUS

- ❖ We are people of justice and wisdom;
- ❖ Bravely taking a stand for justice.
- ❖ Speaking the truth in love.
- ❖ Trying hard, setting high standards and believing that we can do our absolute best.

"And Jesus answered them, 'Have faith in God.'" Mark 11:22

## JOYFUL

- ❖ We are a community who loves life and walks in the footsteps of Jesus;
- ❖ Choosing to be positive and happy so that we are a source of joy to others.
- ❖ Looking after ourselves; being active, content and feeling healthy.
- ❖ Having a joyous heart; smiling and keeping control of our emotions.

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." Psalms 126:3

## HOPEFUL

- ❖ We are a community grounded in the love and faithfulness of God;
- ❖ We can call on God in times of need.
- ❖ The world can be a better place; we make good choices.
- ❖ Our school is a safe and happy place.

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Luke 8:8

## COMPASSION

We are people of compassion who are patient, inclusive and generous;

- ❖ We are aware of the needs of ourselves and others.
- ❖ We contribute to making our world a better place.
- ❖ We value, nurture and protect our Earthly home.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

## PATIENT

- ❖ We display patience showing respect for self, others and the world;
- ❖ Using self-reflection as an opportunity to grow in self-control and grace.
- ❖ Always gently expressing love and stillness, accepting differences.
- ❖ Accepting changes and frustrations with peaceful actions and a loving heart.

"And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.'" Luke 15:31

## INCLUSIVE

- ❖ We believe in honouring the gifts of each person and inclusion of all;
- ❖ Respecting all people of different cultures.
- ❖ Enjoying the richness of life in our multicultural land.
- ❖ Reaching out in welcome to those seeking understanding and acceptance.

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out." John 6:37

## GENEROUS

- ❖ We serve with charity and hospitality;
- ❖ Opening our hearts and showing kindness and charity to others.
- ❖ Showing empathy and consideration for those in need.
- ❖ Building a welcoming community using positive words and actions.

"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

## PEACE

We are a community of peace, who are resilient, safe and show empathy in our everyday interactions;

- ❖ Solving problems through negotiation and making good choices.
- ❖ Contributing to a happy community; sharing experiences, love and understanding.
- ❖ Inspiring others through our energy, effort and our behaviour.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9

## RESILIENT

- ❖ We are resilient people with a Growth Mindset who problem solve;
- ❖ Using uncertainty as an opportunity to stretch beyond our thinking.
- ❖ Responding with enthusiasm during challenging times.
- ❖ Accepting tough situations as a time to learn and grow.

"May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!" Psalm 29:11

## SAFE

- ❖ So that everyone can feel safe and happy at school,
- ❖ We are a welcoming community especially to new staff and students.
- ❖ We accept that making mistakes is part of learning and growing.
- ❖ We take care of ourselves and our friends and 'speak up' when necessary.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11

## EMPATHETIC

- ❖ We are a community whose attitudes and actions reflect kindness and compassion;
- ❖ Recognising when friends at school need us to listen and understand what we might be feeling.
- ❖ Thinking about how our actions and attitudes affect other people.
- ❖ Doing our best to help those in need.

"And they all ate and were satisfied." Matthew 14:20

## LOVE

We show respect to our earth and all created life;

- ❖ Cherishing the gift of love given to us by Jesus.
- ❖ Reflecting love in how we speak and act.
- ❖ Forgiving others so our community may be united.

"So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them." Matthew 7:12

## CARING

- ❖ We feel, think, and act in the interest of others, ourselves and the environment;
- ❖ Using kind and encouraging words and actions.
- ❖ Understanding that learning is hard work.
- ❖ Picking up rubbish and caring about our school grounds.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:31

## FORGIVING

- ❖ We are a forgiving community:
- ❖ When we say 'I'm sorry', it is genuine and a chance for a new beginning.
- ❖ We accept apologies with a forgiving heart.
- ❖ We let go to feelings of blame or anger and find inner peace.

"God, be merciful to me a sinner!" Luke 18:13

## GENTLE

- ❖ Following St Brigid, who was an extraordinary woman of faith, with a strong and gentle heart;
- ❖ Being humble and playing fair, at times having to swallow our pride.
- ❖ Controlling ourselves at difficult times with gentleness and patience.
- ❖ Believing that everyone has been gifted by God with dignity, and deserves respect.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

