

OUR CHRISTIAN VISION



At Bentley Heath we want all in our community to follow be shaped by Jesus' command to **"Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12)**. This love guides all of the work that we do but is not the only inspiration that we take from the Bible

WHO ARE WE?

**"We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."
(Isaiah 64:8)**

We believe that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God for a purpose. Everyone is welcome here. At Bentley Heath, we see ourselves as a big family. This means we look after one another, celebrate successes together and join in each other's joy and sadness. We seek to nurture all members of our community and value our uniqueness, celebrating diversity and treasuring difference including the individual talents and skills we have to offer. We also cherish our strong links with the community around us, and particularly with the churches of St Philip's Dorridge and St James' Bentley Heath.

WHY ARE WE HERE?

**"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
(Matthew 28:20)**

As in the Great Commission, we want our children to have the opportunity to encounter God's presence in the big and the small things. Our aspiration for all members of the Bentley Heath family is that they would have the confidence to go out into the world and make a difference knowing that God is with them. We want our pupils and staff to flourish as part of our community, demonstrating love and compassion to themselves and others, reaching their potential in all areas of life. We are passionate for children to explore and develop their own spirituality and know that they are loved unconditionally by God in order to be courageous advocates and stand up for what they believe in.

HOW THEN DO WE LIVE?

**"Love one another as I have loved you"
(John 15:12)**

At Bentley Heath we strive to have a culture where we "love one another" and treat each other well. As a community we have a strong sense of justice and recognise our responsibility for others, providing compassion and encouragement so all can flourish both spiritually and academically. Our school values help us to live out our vision - valuing everyone, helping those less fortunate, forgiving one another, and appreciating beauty and nature. We have identified six core values that we believe are central to the work of our Christian educational community.