



St James Vision and Values

Our core moral purpose is encapsulated in our new school vision statement for 2016:

'Choose well, be proud, Ignite possibilities ... together'

We are passionate about our children having choices and opportunities and learning to make the right choices for themselves. We believe children should be proud of their achievements, of who they are as individuals, of their school, their work and their local community. At St James we aspire to provide children with the confidence to explore the opportunities presented to them and develop their aspirations, hopes and dreams. With a focus on personal development and through experiencing and trying new things, our aim is to inspire all learners to go beyond what they consider possible for themselves and to realise all aspects of their potential.

We recognise that the real strength in our school community comes from working together and understanding how to support each other. By working with families, we strive to explore ways of providing as many opportunities as possible throughout their journey through St James, both in lessons and as curriculum enhancement opportunities.

Our values

The following values underpin our school vision statement

- Responsibility
- Honesty
- Thoughtfulness
- Challenge
- Respect
- Individuality
- Confidence
- Excellence
- Aspiration
- Exploration

- Determination
- Opportunity
- Collaboration
- Trust
- Support

To help us all understand what we understand by these values at St James, below are some ideas that staff, children and parents have contributed to.

30 Opportunities for a St James Child.

Before they reach the end of their time at primary school we at St James believe every child should:

1. have attended a concert and the theatre
2. have had a piece of their art work framed / displayed in public
3. have spent a night away
4. have seen the sea
5. have been to a zoo
6. have experienced a meal in a restaurant
7. have represented the school (in an event)
8. have met an author
9. have visited a variety of places of worship
10. have had the chance to play a musical instrument
11. have taken part in a debate
12. have recited a poem
13. have made a presentation
14. have bought food and cooked a meal
15. have grown a seed
16. have experience of different places of worship
17. have the opportunity to communicate with children in a different country
18. have learnt a dance
19. have visit a University
20. have ridden a horse
21. have visited a large city
22. have walked round a village
23. have had the opportunity to develop at least one of their talents with other children with a similar talent
24. have read every day
25. have learnt at least 10 nursery rhymes
26. have learnt to greet people in several different languages
27. have learnt to swim

28. have learnt to ride a bike
29. have table manners (and be able to use a knife and fork)
30. have learnt several card games and games such as Chess.