## Our Aims and Purpose

We look to the Bible to discover what the school should be trying to achieve.

We see our children as God's gift to our families (<u>Ps 127:3</u>), wonderfully made (<u>Ps 139:14</u>), but conceived in sin (<u>Ps 51:5</u>) and in need of redemption (<u>Rom 3:23</u>). We recognise our duty to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (<u>Eph 6:4</u>) and that knowledge, wisdom and understanding are especially valued by God (<u>Prov 1-5</u>).

We want to see each child thoroughly equipped for good works which will commend Christ in this world (2 Tim 3:15-17) and prepared in heart, soul, mind and strength for life in the world to come (<u>Deut 6:5</u>; <u>Matt 22:37</u>).

Thus our aims and purpose in education are to complement the role of the family and the church and reflect what we believe are God's priorities for our children:

- To provide each child with a biblical understanding to equip the child for practical living in this world and encourage the child's awareness of spiritual and eternal realities.
- To help children develop the skills and understanding needed for adulthood.
- To develop in children an understanding of society in both place and time.
- To develop an understanding and appreciation of humankind's cultural activities.
- To develop an understanding of scientific and technological activities, both in the past and in the present.
- To develop an understanding of and respect towards the natural world.
- To develop in children an understanding of man's unique role in creation and their opportunities and limitations.
- To help children develop those fundamental skills which are necessary in order to achieve all other aims.