

How is the school's vision a clearly-articulated theologically rooted Christian vision?



<https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/easthoathly/school-vision-values-rules/>

'Being the best that we can be in a thriving community, following the example of Jesus and achieving fullness of life'

'Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life'

Along with the vision, our core values of Love, Strength, Wisdom and Trust underpin everything we do at East Hoathly. As a Christian school, we believe that children live their best lives when they know they are loved and being loving; shown how to use their strengths and wisdom so they can continuously work hard and strive for high achievements and are taught that being honest and trustworthy and living their lives by God's example can lead to 'life-long learning' and positive change. Our purpose at East Hoathly is for all children to achieve their true potential, lead happy and fulfilled lives and contribute positively to their communities and wider world, experiencing 'life in its fullness'.

The Vision and all 4 values have specific biblical references as their origins which are intertwined into the **rules & ethos** of East Hoathly School.

- **Vision Statement:** In **Matthew 19:26 & John 10:10**, Jesus tells us He came to give us life in all its fullness and all things are possible with God, and we believe that we help give children the best start in their education by giving them the values, confidence & stepping stones they need to enjoy all the opportunities life has to offer.
- **Love:** 'Let all that you do be done with love'.

In **Corinthians 16:14**, Paul signifies to us, that the whole of the obedience to Christ, should spring from, and be done in love to Him.

Our **East Hoathly rules** link specifically with this biblical reference, explaining that we should '**Be kind and respectful to all members of the school community**'.

- **Strength:** 'Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for Lord your God will be with you wherever you go'.

Joshua 1:9, reminds us that God is with us, therefore we can be 'strong and courageous' as we pursue his calling in our life and help us face hard things with 'faith and confidence'. Life can be full of challenges, sorrows, and tough decisions. But even amidst hardship, the Lord asks us to be 'strong and courageous'.

Our **East Hoathly rules** link specifically with this biblical reference, explaining that '**We are resilient, brave and aims to be the best that we can be**'.

- **Wisdom:** 'Let us learn together what is good'.

Job 34:4, tells us to use the power of choice to do what's right and to learn from it. *Elihu – 'Teach me what I do not see [in regard to how I have sinned]; If I have done wrong (injustice, unrighteousness), I will not do it again'?*

Our **East Hoathly rules** link specifically with this biblical reference, explaining that '**We are creative learners and continuously strive for high achievements**'.

- **Truth:** 'And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free'.

In **John 8:32**, Jesus tells us "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". Through faith in him and following his teaching, we can have true freedom.

Our **East Hoathly rules** link specifically with this biblical reference, explaining that '**We are honest, positive thinkers and live our lives by God's example**'.

Our Values stories – where do our values come from and how can we use the Bible to help us to understand how these should shape our choices?



Luke 10.25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

An illustration by Jesus about what love for others looks like with an instruction to 'be like' the Samaritan



Ruth 1.1 - 4.22
The story of Ruth

Ruth showed great strength of character in supporting her aged mother-in-law: leaving her own people; making the promise 'your people will be my people and your God will be my God' and then working as a gleaner in the fields to ensure they both survived. She was 'rewarded' by marriage, a family, and being an ancestor of Jesus.



1Kings 3.1-15
Solomon asks God for Wisdom

Solomon asked for wisdom and not riches and honour - because he did not ask for them he is given riches and honour as well as wisdom.



Luke 1.26-56
The Annunciation

The Angel brought a 'true' message to Mary - the events promised came to pass. A deeper 'truth' is announced - The Son of God coming into the world [who was the 'Way the Truth and the Life' John 14] Mary believed in this truth and lived her life accordingly