

## **A note of the Task Group meeting held on 17/07/19 at St Mary's School.**

The Task Group convened to work on the school's Vision Statement following a discussion at Full Governors on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Present:** Fr Paul Seaman, Sam Copus, Richard Cordy, Charlotte Cargill, Laura Batchelor, Sharon Ansell, Rachel Sleat.

Father Paul led the meeting in prayer.

SC and FrPS had been working on the Vision Statement and presented a proposal to the group as follows:

*We aspire to be a "Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum" where wisdom and love guide and influence learning and teaching for our whole community. We treasure each child and encourage them to flourish, using their God-given potential, establishing a secure foundation in order that they can thrive in all that they do.*

The phrase 'Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum' has been the school's strap-line for 15 years and is fully embedded, so it was felt important to keep this central to the vision.

Suggestions from the GVO discussion zone had been used to help draft the proposed statement.

There was a lengthy discussion about the words "aspire to" and it was felt that it sounded a little weak, as if we didn't think we could quite do it. It was agreed that our vision statement should be bolder and therefore "aspire to" was changed to "are".

The Task Group agreed the following Vision Statement:

*We are a Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum where wisdom and love guide and influence learning and teaching for our whole community. We treasure each child and enable them to flourish, using their God-given potential, establishing a secure foundation for them to thrive in a rapidly changing world.*