



# Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you today to share our school's intention to update and improve our logo, and the reasons why we required a fresh ethos and values that have inspired the need for this change.

## *Ethos and Values*

I have been absolutely clear from the outset that we had a good deal of work to do to get our school to where we want it to be; an exceptional place for our unique and special children to acquire the knowledge, skills and characteristics they need to be successful in the wider world. We are making excellent progress towards this goal.

I firmly believe that Holy Trinity can, and should, be the school of choice for our local community. We face exactly the same challenge as our neighbouring schools; decreasing numbers on roll due to fewer children living in the borough of Lambeth. To raise the profile of our school further, we completely rebuilt our school website, improved our social media presence and partnership with local organisations and schools. We put a significant amount of work in to more effective marketing of our school. We have so much to be proud of, to celebrate, and this focus on marketing has had a very positive impact within both the local and wider community.

A school's core ethos and values lie at the heart of any form of school improvement. It was a priority to develop a set of values, and an agreed mission statement, that truly reflected our school, our children and the journey that we are on together. Staff, Governors, parents and children were involved in creating the values you can see at the foot of this letter. They are relevant, child-centred and designed to help create the culture we require to continue to improve our school further. It was crucial that a range of community members designed these values, and our children have taken to them very well. Many are able to name and describe each value already, which is impressive after just two weeks. Our classes have completed wonderful displays around the school to celebrate our values. Please visit our Twitter page for updates later this week.

## *Heritage and Tradition*

The current logo clearly connects to the Southwark Diocese, and is very traditional. It has been in place for many years and has heritage and meaning for some of our families that have been part of the community for many years. I understand and respect this heritage and meaning for members of our community, and will ensure that the new design reflects the school's tradition, faith and strong connection to our church.

## *The new school logo*

We need a school logo that reflects our vibrant, diverse and creative community. It should reflect our faith and heritage, whilst also being modern and attractive to our current and prospective families. It must be inspired by our children, and inspiring for them. It must also be a logo that our parents and families like, and one that they have had an opportunity to contribute to.

Our children have created some wonderful logo designs, based on the core school values, our faith and child-centred approach. Every design was examined by our school council and the top two designs from each class were selected. Now it is over to you. The winning designs have been uploaded to an online voting form, with instructions on how to vote.

Please click on this link to have your say: [Holy Trinity School Logo Design Parent Consultation](#)

## School uniform - what this means

The launch of a new school logo means we need to review and take consultation from our community about our existing school uniform. This is a very important decision that will need to be taken with consideration for the views of every stakeholder; our children, parents, staff and governors.

Please be assured that no changes will be made without you, our parents and carers, having the opportunity to share your views and wishes for our uniform. Getting this right for you is an absolute priority.

- We will open the consultation to our community on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.
- If the majority of our community wish for the existing uniform to remain, we will ask our uniform suppliers to adorn the blazers and jumpers with the new school logo.
- Parents would have 12 months (until September 2022) of using the old logo on their child's uniform – I understand how expensive the blazers are and we will not expect the new blazers to be worn immediately.
- If the majority of our community wish for the uniform to be updated, the new logo will feature on all new uniform items. Again, there would be a 12-month period before any changes became compulsory. This would give families time to 'wear out' their existing uniform before buying the new uniform for September 2022.
- Any potential change or improvement to our school uniform will take into account cost and ease of purchase. A new uniform would be more affordable and easier to supplement with 'off the shelf' shirts, trousers and skirts.
- A final decision must be made by May 24<sup>th</sup>, to give our community ample time to prepare for the new school year.
- If the majority wish to see an updated and improved uniform, I would set up a 'working party' representative of our community at the end of May. The aim of this group would be to get the finer details of a new uniform right, taking into account the needs and wishes of our parents and carers.

## Easter Holiday Developments

The creation of our new woodland garden will begin on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The landscaping work is expected to last the duration of the holiday period.

I have requested that some of the planting be left for members of our community to participate in, when we return to school. If you are interested in taking part in planting flowers or sowing seeds in our raised beds, please contact [admin@holyltrinity.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holyltrinity.lambeth.sch.uk) and provide us with your preferred date and time. Our Climate Council, led by Mr Cottrell, and horticultural team led by Ms Richmond and Ms Ellis will be taking the lead in this part of the design process.

The garden will be a space for our community to sit, explore, rest and reflect and plans are already in place to run a range of horticultural therapy sessions in the summer term. I am looking forward to seeing the positive impact the woodland garden will have on our community.

## The Summer Term - Key Events and Dates

We have set a number of dates for key events in the summer term, which you may have seen in last week's issue of Newsdesk. For your information, here they are again:



Thursday 6th May: School Closed for Local Elections - Polling Station

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th June - Parents' Evening

Friday 2nd July - Sports Day (location to be confirmed)

Thursday 15th July at 2pm - Reception Graduation

Friday 16th July - Year 6 Leaver's Ball

Wednesday 21st July - End of Year Leaver's Ceremony (location to be confirmed)

Friday 23rd July: Last Day of Summer Term Two

Kind regards,

Mr Winn