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Dear Parents/Carers,

In May last year, we sought your views about our curriculum with an anonymous questionnaire. A 'BIG' thank-you to those of you who shared your thoughts. We also gathered the views of children, governors and staff. We want to share the collected responses (see reverse of this letter) which we used to create and reshape our new curriculum vision. It is underpinned by the following key words: Discover, Captivate, Excite, Challenge, Flourish.

You said you would like our curriculum to have more:

History of the UK
Links to environmental concerns
Kings and Queens– Past and Present
Links to wellbeing and first aid
Pioneers and famous people
Links to our local area– achievements and issues
Singing, Drama and Art
Links to different cultures and diversity
Links to current affairs including basic politics and democracy

So...

In our new curriculum, we have included:

History of the UK threaded throughout each year group, with a particular focus on significant people and events in Coventry
Links to current local, National and global environmental issues with links to our values, in particular, making a positive difference
Royal family past and present and their links to environmental issues and mental fitness
An opportunity for all children to learn basic First Aid at some point during their St. John's journey
Pioneers and famous people from Coventry and beyond and the impact they've had on history and today
A variety of links to our local area– they have been threaded throughout topics across the school
Singing, Drama and Art is included more frequently with an emphasis on developing knowledge and skills
Opportunities within the curriculum to explore different cultures
Real life skills relating to current issue- both socially and economically

Our 'new' Curriculum Vision

At St John's Church of England Academy, we will excite, engage and inspire pupils with a relevant, inclusive and memorable curriculum that makes learning irresistible. We will ignite children's curiosity, instilling a passion for lifelong learning. At the heart of their learning, children at our school will develop an understanding the core values we've developed as a community, the core values that we believe make our school special, the core values that will allow our children to shine and grow into respectful, global citizens.

Our core values are:

- Identity
- Drive
- Excellence
- Character
- Teamwork
- Stewardship

Alongside our core values, we will be relentless in our desire for all pupils to become independent self-regulating learners and we will provide regular 'WOW' moments for our children to have fun, encounter challenges and develop problem-solving strategies whilst planning, monitoring and evaluating their own learning. Children will leave St John's equipped with a range of strategies that will enable them to access future learning in a variety of ways - overcoming barriers to learning through resilience and perseverance, and achieving great success. Children will know how to live a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally. Our 'Topic' curriculum will cover statutory objectives from the National Curriculum with the key knowledge, skills and understanding carefully mapped out and built upon over time. Children will be encouraged to re-visit prior learning and then delve even deeper, building on the skills and knowledge taught progressively each year. We are confident that this will lead all children at our school to flourish– both academically and personally, throughout our curriculum, within their school life and beyond.

This is an exciting time at St. John's; we look forward to you being a part of our journey.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Smalldon- Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Henderson- Assistant Headteacher



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