



Friday 4th July 2025

### **Sanctuary of Human Qualities Project**

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As you will know, as a school, we take inspiration from the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). In this story, the Samaritan was kind by going the extra mile so that all the injured man's needs were met. He was collaborative to make sure the man received the best care from him and others. Finally, he was courageous in helping someone who was different to him.

**These three values are at the heart of the community we seek to be at Whittingham School.**

Through our daily worship, we acknowledge the presence of God in our lives.

Through our learning environment, we provide space for everyone to flourish.

Through our broad and balanced curriculum, we aspire for each child to be the very best they can be.

***At Whittingham, we are:***

#### **Kind**

Caring for everyone's safety, happiness and well-being by treating others how we'd like to be treated ourselves.

#### **Collaborative**

Providing opportunities for all to be involved in the daily life of school; preparing learners to be active in the wider world and fostering a supportive relationship between school, home and church.

#### **Courageous**

Celebrating what makes each of us unique and special; equipping us to make healthy choices in all areas of our life; and empowering us to step out for justice.

We intend to start of the new school year in September with some drama, dance and art activities that help us to more fully understand these qualities and how they impact upon our everyday life and will be letting you know about these once they are confirmed!

As a wider part of this project, Reverend Rich and I recently met with a Grandparent who had been involved in a series of wonderful project on the sanctuary of human qualities and we would love to do something like this in our school grounds.

The idea being that the installation will be outside and accessible to all, it will hopefully provide opening of a conversation, a time to reflect and a quiet homage to the magnificence of the qualities that are part of our human heritage.

**We would love it if families could together over the holidays decide on their family value or quality they have chosen and while you are on your travels over the summer find a rock and bring it into**

school on the morning of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September with a brief description as to why this value / quality is important to your family.

Once we have this at school we will inscribe this value and it will become part of our installation!

I would also like to ask for some help: ***I would really love to have some weathered wood / railway sleepers and someone to help me install them into our reflective area before we return back to school. If you are able to do this please could you see me at Gate Duty, drop me an email – [belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.gov.uk) or ring 01665574222.***

Here are some pictures below of the previous installations to show what I am meaning...



There is a website that is currently still online if you would like to find out more  
<https://www.humanqualities.net/>

**I would also like to create a focal seating area towards the edge of this space so that although the installation is intended to encourage people to walk around it I would also like to incorporate a space to still and chat or be still. If you know of anyone who be interested in creating a bespoke piece we do have a limited fund to enable this to happen so please contact me.**

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.