The Church of England has brought out a special report called a “Vision for Education” which is to help us think about what happens in schools and colleges. This booklet is to show you some of the things that are talked about in the report and to let you share your ideas about them. You can fill this out by yourself or discuss it with your group.
What do you need to live?

Write or draw some ideas inside the outline below.
What do you need to live a FULL life?

Write or draw your ideas in the figure below. How are they different from the first figure?

Differences:
The Bible tells us that it is important that you are able to fulfil your full potential by “growing in wisdom”. Can you fit the nine ideas below into a “diamond nine” to show which you think are the most important for you in your school and which help you “grow in wisdom”? (You can use the numbers to fill in the diagram.)

1. Challenging and exciting lessons which make me think
2. A chance to ask important questions and find out answers
3. Doing PE and playing games to stay fit
4. Assemblies, and learning about religions in RE
5. Discovering about how the world works (e.g. nature, science, democracy)
6. Being creative (e.g. art, drama, music)
7. Finding out about how other people live, here and abroad
8. Being able to read and understand more and more difficult books and websites
9. Working out my values to live by
Christians believe that every human being is loved and cared for by God and that we should love others too. Can you fit the nine ideas below into a “diamond nine” to show which you think are the most important for you in your school, and which help your school to be a loving and caring place. (You can use the numbers to fill in the diagram.)

1. Being treated with respect by adults
2. Being treated with respect by other children
3. Feeling safe
4. Feeling happy
5. Feeling valued
6. Nobody is made to feel different or excluded
7. We are helped when things go wrong
8. We feel we are all a community of friends together
9. Everyone encourages us to do our best
What about You?

On these two pages are four different statements about what Christians believe and which should affect what happens in your school. Things don’t happen by themselves in school, people make them happen—so what could you do to make things happen?

Christians believe that every person is made “in the image of God” and this means that everybody should be valued and respected.

I could show I value and respect people by……………..

Christians believe that everyone deserves to have the opportunity to live a full life (“life in all its fullness”).

I could improve my life and that of other people by…………………….
Christians believe that God loves and cares for everyone and that we should help and accept those who are different to us or have problems. God is a God of hope.

I could help others by……………………………

Christians believe that relationships are important and this means working well with our communities, with other people and looking after the world.

I could work with people in the school / my local community / elsewhere in the world by.........