

Offwell Vision Theological background and context

Be Well – Spiritual and physical wholeness. Being well reflects the biblical concept of ‘shalom’ – peace, wholeness and wellbeing in body, mind and spirit.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

To know and experience this ‘shalom’, we must first know that we are loved by God. In this, we are equipped to love ourselves and then, others.

This is real love – not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 1 John 4:10

A further aspect of ‘being well’ is the belief, among Christians, that God cares for emotions and offers comfort and hope.

⁶ Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6–7

Biblical well-being isn’t just individual — it’s relational. Flourishing happens in community.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Romans 12:15

Learn Well - The Bible encourages people to seek knowledge and understanding, not just for themselves but to live wisely and kindly. The book of Proverbs, and the other ‘wisdom literature’ teach a lot of about wisdom. Learning well in any school setting involves effective teaching and learning strategies but, in addition to this at Offwell, we consider that learning well is also about the mind and the heart.

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Proverbs 4:7

The bible teaches that a good attitude matters when learning.

The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out. Proverbs 18:15

Prayer for wisdom to help us learn is also highlighted in the book of James.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5

Learning is not just about facts — it helps us grow in character, make wise choices, and build good relationships.

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24

Live Well In the Bible, “living well” isn’t just about being happy or successful. It’s about:

- Living with love, kindness, and wisdom.
- Following God’s ways.
- Caring for others and the world around us.
- Making good choices that bring peace and hope.

Living well means being fair, kind, and humble.

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

The bible tells us that Jesus wants us to live full, joyful lives.

Have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

Living well means loving God, ourselves, and other people.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart... and love your neighbour as yourself. Matthew 22:37–39

Qualities that help us to live well, in the bible, are called ‘The Fruits of the Spirit.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22–23

Offwell The places we live in matter to God, and he cares about us and our community. There has been a Christian presence here for centuries. In the Bible we see God encourage the people to be fruitful in the lands given to them to live in:

“Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you.” Genesis 26:3

We see God encouraging the people to love one another, care for the places they dwell in and to be nourished by the land too.

“For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills;” Deuteronomy 8:7

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the world, with peace and plenty.

Our vision is that as we learn, grow and be nurtured at Offwell school, we learn to respect and love this place, so we can learn to respect and love the communities we will live in for the rest of our lives.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another “ Hebrews 10:24-25

Be well Summary

God wants us to be well — in our body, our mind, and our heart. He gives us peace, listens to us, and teaches us to look after ourselves and each other.

God wants us to be well — to feel safe, loved, rested, and cared for. He promises to be with us when life feels good and when it feels tough. And just as God cares for us, we can help care for each other too.

Learn well Summary

The Bible tells us that learning is really important. God wants us to use our minds, to listen carefully, to ask questions, and to keep growing.

When we learn well, we grow in wisdom and understanding. We can make good choices, care for others, and live well.

God is our teacher too — He guides us and helps us to learn.

Live Well Summary

The Bible teaches us that living well means living in a way that shows love, kindness, and care. It's about making good choices and helping the world to be a better place. Living well means loving, caring, and making good choices. God wants us to live full and joyful lives, to be kind to others, and to help make the world a better place.

Offwell Summary

The Bible teaches us that the places we live in are important to God and that we are to share in God's love for one another and build community. As we learn to love the places we live in now, we will care for the land and for the people who also dwell with us wherever we move to throughout our lives.