

WHAT MAKES US DISTINCTIVE AT ST. CHAD'S C OF E (VC) FIRST SCHOOL

We believe that every member of our school community is unique, created in God's image, and precious to Him. Our foundation for living and learning are the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The message of God's love and the values of joy, peace, hope, wisdom, dignity and community are at the heart of school life at St Chad's enabling us to inspire confident learners, who will thrive in an ever changing world.

Train up a child in the way they should go; even when they are old they will not depart from it. Adapted from Proverbs 22:6

Our Values

Joy

Peace

Hope

Wisdom

Dignity

Community



What is being added by being a Church of England school?

Church schools have Christian beliefs and values at their heart. This means that every child and adult associated with the school is not just important because they are members of the school but because they are seen as unique individuals within God's creation.

Church schools recognise that as well as academic and emotional intelligence human beings also have spiritual intelligence. The spiritual aspects of life will be recognised, and nurtured alongside the academic and emotional needs of all.

Church schools are places where challenge through questioning is encouraged as through this we can make sense of the world, the gift of life and the purpose of our own personal lives.

WHAT IS A CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL?



Long before the government became involved in providing education for everyone in our country, the Church of England had a vision that it wanted every parish to have a school for the education of poor children.

By 1900, there were 5,700 state-funded schools and 14,000 schools funded by the Church of England.

Today, approximately a quarter of all primary schools have a Church of England foundation, through which they strive to provide the highest standard of education possible, in partnership with the state.





From the earliest days, the purpose of Church schools was to enable children to flourish by providing a basic education and by developing their moral character.

It was always intended that Church schools should be open to all of the children of the parish. The schools are not 'faith schools' in the sense of presuming that children are practising Christians or attempting to make converts of them. However, the ethos of the schools is based on distinctively Christian values and they will offer children an experience of faith through collective worship and links with the parish church.

Religious Education in Church schools will always include teaching about other faiths and they will usually follow the same syllabus for RE as non- Church schools.

OUR VISION FOR EDUCATION IS DEEPLY CHRISTIAN, WITH JESUS' PROMISE OF 'LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS' AT ITS HEART

In line with the Church of England's role as the established Church, our vision is for the common good of the whole community.



Educating for wisdom, knowledge and skills: enabling discipline, confidence and delight in seeking wisdom and knowledge, and developing talents in all areas of life.

Educating for hope and aspiration: enabling healing, repair and renewal, coping wisely when things go wrong, opening horizons and guiding people into ways of fulfilling them.

Educating for community and living well together: a core focus on relationships, participation in communities and the qualities of character that enable people to flourish together.

Educating for dignity and respect: the basic principle of respect for the value and preciousness of each person, treating each person as a unique individual of inherent worth.

*Morbi integer molestie,
amet suspendisse morbi*

*Suscipit nec ligula ipsum
orci nulla*