



Vision & Values

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Claypole Church of England Primary School

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Welcome

WELCOME TO CLAYPOLE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

All schools have their own distinctive 'feel' which makes each one unique. We believe that the 'special feel' at Claypole Church of England Primary School is to do with our caring, friendly atmosphere. Our school continues to develop in many exciting ways, providing an even more enriching experience for our pupils. Claypole is a small, friendly and thriving village school in an attractive, rural location. This is a school where children and adults have fun, work hard and achieve our very best. We love sports, art and music and produce fantastic work. You will hear much laughter and see smiling faces when you visit us, but you will also see good quality work in every part of our school. Our children achieve good results and academic standards are very important to us. Alongside this, our children care about each other within our Christian Values and their behaviour is exemplary. We have talented children and staff who strive for excellence, promote harmony and value achievement. The school was last inspected by Ofsted in March 2017 when we were judged to be 'good' in all the key areas of inspection, and in our overall effectiveness of provision with an 'outstanding' judgment for behaviour and safety. The Inspection Report said we: "have created a culture of high expectations... pupils' behaviour is exemplary... children listen to the instructions of their teacher and settle well to the tasks they are set... there are 'loads of adults' within school that children can trust and are surrounded by friends who care for them..." The most recent report in its entirety is available on our website. The school was last inspected by the Diocese in January 2017 when we were judged to be 'good' overall. The inspection report says: "This is a friendly, caring school community where all children are encouraged to reach their full potential within a framework of Christian values. The special ethos of the school is attributed to the way in which these values are lived out through positive relationships and excellent behaviour. Parents express the view that the school is a safe environment for their children and that this security enables the children to flourish in all areas of their development, 'The Christian values shine through all that they do.'" The most recent report is available on our website.

I am extremely proud to lead a team that is committed to achieving high standards and providing the very best opportunities for the children in our care. Staff, supported by governors, work hard to deliver a rich and challenging curriculum; to prepare children for future education; and to help them acquire the skills and enthusiasm needed to pursue learning for the rest of their lives.

Martyn Wells
Head teacher

Jo Blatherwick
Chair of Governors

About our school

OUR VISION

“Strive for excellence, promote harmony and value achievement.”

As a community, we're devoted to building an engaged, passionate, spiritually healthy community of people that makes up Claypole Church of England Primary School. We're devoted to engaging and impacting one another, believing that Jesus himself set an example of service and that we've been given the responsibility to follow it.

Our Mission Statement

To create a caring school within a Christian context, where all children are challenged to make the progress of which they are able, whilst promoting a love of learning that will continue to motivate throughout life.

Our School Aims

To provide a broad and balanced curriculum, set within the requirements of the National Curriculum.

To develop positive attitudes and patterns of behaviour within the context of Christianity and other world religions.

To continue to raise standards by providing teaching of high quality, enabling children to achieve their full potential.

To provide children with a variety of high quality opportunities additional and complimentary to the curriculum.

To enhance the facilities and learning environment of the school within planned budgetary constraints.

To promote the professional development and management opportunities for all staff.

To maintain an active and positive role within the local and wider community.

Our Christian Values

Our Christian Values shine through in all we do at Claypole Church of England Primary School.

love:

We care about others showing gentleness, kindness, forgiveness and honesty in all our friendships. We celebrate the achievements of others not just our own.

peace:

We show forgiveness and tolerance towards everyone so we get along together. In moments of reflection we hope for peace for all.

contentment:

We pray to show our thanks to God and the people around us.

justice:

We believe in fairness. We know everyone in our school is important and has the right to be treated equally.

respect:

We respect others from all cultures and religions. We learn about others to allow our respect to grow. We listen and learn from others.

safety:

We trust God and each other and know we help to keep ourselves and each other safe.

endurance:

We know sometimes things can be difficult but we keep on going and with God's help we don't give up.

Promoting British Values

Our Collective Worship promote various British values including democracy (local, national and international), the rule of law, mutual respect, individual liberty and tolerance of different faiths and cultures. This includes national and internationally celebrated religious events and notable national days and events. We also recognise and celebrate such events as the 800 years since the signing of the Magna Carta, e-safety, anti-bullying and celebrating the Queen's longest reign.

Our Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship at Claypole Church of England Primary School reflect our religious and cultural learning, our Christian Values, our ethos and our school rules. We also focus on 'what it means to be British' through recognition and celebration of fundamental British values. We are also very lucky to have Reverend Sonia, our local rector, join us regularly and deliver our Collective Worship.

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Children writing prayers for Collective Worship

THE VISION AND VALUES OF THE SCHOOL

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What do we want to achieve for Claypole School?

The school had previously been judged as good in its last Ofsted inspection, and I praise the good work that has already been done. My aspirations for our school is to build on the good work, improving the teaching and learning and the opportunities & experiences for children - leading the school to become outstanding.

We believe that all children no matter where they live or where they're from deserve a chance to achieve, a chance to succeed and to be given another chance.

This matches our mission statement: '*Strive for excellence, promote harmony & value achievement.*' We work at Claypole C of E Primary because we want to make a difference to the lives of the children in our school.

What we want for every child in this school is:

- To leave this school with a lifelong love of learning.
- To want to know "Why"- to be curious as to how the world works.
- To know what the world looks like & where things are.
- To know why things happen
- To know why we are who we are.
- To be confident enough to grab opportunities if they come their way – not to be scared to have a go and fail.
- To leave school having found their talent.

We want them to look at the world and be thrilled by it, see its beauty and feel its power.

We want to give children an opportunity in life to achieve and to have a love of learning.

We believe that creativity is as important in education as maths & literacy, and we should treat it with the same status.

We don't believe that a child only has one chance in life – give them that love of learning, an enquiring mind, that awe and wonder and they can achieve.

This is in keeping with the Church of England Vision for Education: 'enabling children and our community to flourish as they experience our education for wisdom, hope, community and dignity; and to discover life in all its fullness which Jesus offers' preparing the children to use their gifts and abilities effectively to follow God's plan for their lives.

How can we give children a love of learning?

- An exciting curriculum that inspires children and drives aspiration
- Quality, inspirational teaching
- Teaching that challenges them and pushes them
- Teachers that don't make up excuses for them

All in an environment that is inclusive, caring, challenging but fair, compassionate and forgiving, and where everyone is treated with respect – we believe that Jesus himself set an example of service and that we've been given the responsibility to follow it so that we can flourish.

We celebrate the gift of imagination. We have to be careful now that we use this gift wisely and the only way we'll do it is by seeing our creative capacities for the richness they are and seeing our children for the hope that they are. And our task is to educate their whole being, so they can face this future. We may not see this future, but they will. And our job is to help them make something of it.

In order to achieve this, there needs to be a commitment from everyone (teachers, parents, governors...Together) to inspire, to challenge, to care for all those in our school, a desire to make a difference to the lives of those in our care with no exceptions and no excuses.

We strive to provide a stimulating and challenging learning environment. We believe that our holistic approach to developing children academically, spiritually and personally provides every opportunity for each pupil to achieve their full potential. High expectations and high quality learning experiences based on individual needs enable every child to feel valued and to be and do their best. We believe that we are distinctive in seeking excellence through our creative, interactive and exciting curriculum within our caring Christian values & vision and our community.



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