



Clipston Endowed Voluntary Controlled Primary School

Our Christian School

This information leaflet is provided for families in our school community to aid their understanding of our school's Christian ethos. From time to time, we revisit and review the principles behind what it means to be "Distinctively Christian" at Clipston School.

Our Christian Vision: Every Child Matters To God

Our Christian Vision permeates everything we do for the benefit of the children at Clipston. It is rooted theologically in the Christian faith – who can these children be and what can they achieve?

It is our mission to support all our children to fulfil their individual and collective potential, regardless of their religious beliefs or if they have none, so that they leave our school having experienced an excellent education and with the values needed to understand what it is to be human, enabling them to live life in all its fullness, making a positive contribution to the communities in which they live today and in the future.

Our Vision is underpinned by the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke Ch10 v29-37) and the following quote: **"Do to others as you would have them done to you" Luke 6:31**

Our School Motto: "Be Kind ~ Be Your Best ~ Be Happy" further supports our mission.

Our Christian Values

Our Christian Values are at the core of our school family, creating an environment where kindness, justice, love, forgiveness, responsibility, courage and thankfulness are highly valued and are lived out each day to promote success. Our high expectations of personal and academic achievement consistently drive excellent teaching and learning for all.

The values at Clipston School stem from our Christian Vision that **Every Child Matters To God.**



God the Father is like a rock on which stands a lighthouse. The **rays of light** emanating from the lighthouse shows us the path we should follow and the principles we endeavour to abide by, in order to lead fulfilled and successful lives that benefit society as a whole.

We are all equal in the eyes of God

We are unique individuals made in the image of God

God has given us all gift and talents

Our school has seven **Christian Values**, one for each term, plus one, Thankfulness, which is threaded throughout our whole school year as we are continually minded to thank God for the wonderful world in which we live. Each Value is linked to a biblical quote.

Thankfulness – A golden thread running throughout each term

- Sharing - Money, Time, Friendship, Goodwill
- Generosity to those in need
- More blessed to give rather than to receive
- **We thank God for his love and care**
- Saying Grace before meals
- Thankfulness for all that God has provided for us

“Give thanks to The Lord, for He is good” Chronicles 16.31

Kindness – A focus in Autumn Term 1

- Kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus towards others
- Kindness and respect to each other – **Our School Motto: Be Kind**
- **Our school is a happy and safe place to learn.**
- New people are welcomed, nurtured and supported (including through bad times, e.g. bereavement).
- Trinity – three aspects of God (father, Son, Holy Spirit) bound together in a closeness that makes them one.
- Links to Class Rules and expectations at the beginning of the new school year.

“Be kind to one another” Ephesians 4:32

Justice - a focus in Autumn Term 2

- Jesus reveals through His teaching, how God means for us to live.
- **Be truthful to others and also to yourself.**
- We expect the best of ourselves – **School Motto: Be Your Best**
- Make informed moral choices. What do you think is right?

- Jesus is the way, the truth and the life
- In the eyes of God everyone is precious, oppression has no place.
- Taking action on behalf of others.
- We don't ignore injustices to ourselves but we know that justice is not "just about me".
- Taking responsibility for one another
- [Do as you would be done by](#)
- Jesus mixed with, loved and supported everyone especially the poor, women and children.
- Inspire children to recognise injustice in the world and think about their own role in fighting it.
- Develop children's "courageous advocacy" and understanding that they can initiate the change they want to see and act to bring about change and make a difference.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you" Luke 6:31

Love – a focus in Spring Term 1

- Respect, affection, goodwill, concern for others
- The Good Samaritan [Matthew Ch 5 vs 43 – 48](#)
- The Love of God [Corinthians Ch 13 vs 47](#)
- Love thy neighbour [Matthew Ch 2 Vs 37 – 39](#)
- [Our relationships reflect the love of Jesus](#)

"Love one another, as I have loved you" John 15:12

Forgiveness - a focus in Spring Term 2

- Accepting apologies – when someone says sorry when they have done something wrong
- Forgiveness is about letting go of feelings of anger and hatred towards someone who has wronged you
- Forgiveness can help free you from the control of the person who harmed you.
- Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting or excusing the harm done to you.
- We learn about Forgiveness when we talk about The Lord's Prayer
- Parable of the Prodigal Son [Luke Ch 15 vs 11-32](#)
- Blame but not punish
- The story of Caesar Molebatsi

"Forgive as you have been forgiven" Matthew 6:14-15

Responsibility – a focus in Summer Term 1

- We lay selfish things aside and support the needs of others
- Being a servant of others - [John Ch 13 vs 1-12](#)
- Adults are stewards of the young lives in their care
- Children will become the stewards of the world God created – He wants us to look after it
- Our responsibility to use but not abuse resources - both natural and wealth
- We are developing responsibility, resilience and independence
- We are responsible for caring for each other and for God's world
- Link to Eco Awareness – looking after our world
- Look after your own belongings and school property

“So then, let us do good to everyone” Galatians 6:18

Courage – a focus in Summer Term 2

- God is present giving us the confidence to persevere, be resilient and develop self-esteem
- [The story of David and Goliath](#)
- Stand up to bullying on behalf of others
- Talk about your fears and worries
- Have grit, perseverance and determination – try new things, **School Motto: Be Your Best**
- Preparation and transition to a new school year / a new school

“Be strong and courageous, for The Lord will be with you wherever you go” Joshua 1:9

As a Church School, we believe that the Christian Values of **kindness, justice, love, forgiveness, responsibility, courage and thankfulness** provide a useful moral compass for everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs, and that they support children in learning about what it is to be human, in the communities they live in now, and for those in which they will live, in the future.

Through these values, children can grow - in the context of a Christian School Ethos - to lead happy and fulfilled lives – **School Motto: Be Happy**

If you have any questions about the aspects raised in this leaflet, please ring the school office and arrange to speak to Mrs Mercer. Thank you.

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