



Clipston Endowed Voluntary Controlled Primary School

Our Distinctively Christian School

This information leaflet is provided for families in our school community to aid their understanding of our school's 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: To ensure every child, regardless of their religious beliefs or if they have none, leaves our school having experienced an excellent education and with the values needed to understand what it is to be human, so that they live life in all its fullness as contributory members of society.

"Be Kind ~ Be Your Best ~ Be Happy"

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

We endeavour to support all our children to fulfil their individual and collective potential, so that they can make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live today and in the future. **Christian Virtues** are at the core of our school family, creating an environment where kindness, justice, love, forgiveness, responsibility, courage and thankfulness are highly valued and promote success. Our high expectations of personal achievement consistently drive excellent teaching and learning for all.

Jesus said: "I have come that they might have life and life in abundance" John 10:10.



Our Christian Virtues

The virtues we value in our school stem from the principle that Every Child Matters To God.

God the Father is like a rock on which stands a lighthouse. The 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 Virtues**, 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 and rich world in which we live.

Thankfulness – Throughout each term

- Sharing - Money, Time, Friendship
- Generosity to those in need
- More blessed to give rather than 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 16.34

Compassion, **Kindness** & Respect - Autumn Term 1

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

“Be kind to one another” Ephesians 4:32

Truthfulness & Justice - 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.
- 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.
- Links to School Rules and Fundraising

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

Love - Spring Term 1

- Respect, affection, goodwill, concern for others
- Good Samaritan [Matthew Ch 5 vs 43 – 48](#)
- 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 - Spring Term 2

- Apologising, saying sorry when you have done wrong
- Jesus' forgiveness on the cross
- Parable of the Prodigal Son [Luke Ch 15 vs 11-32](#)
- Love your enemies [Matthew Ch 15 vs 43 – 45](#)
- Love the sinner but not the sin.

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

Responsibility Service & Stewardship, Goodness - Summer Term 1

- We lay selfish things aside for the needs of others
- Jesus gave up his life so that others could be saved
- Being a servant of others [John Ch 13 vs 1-12](#)
- Adults are stewards of the young lives in their care
- 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 – Summer Term 2

- God is present giving us confidence to persevere, be resilient and developing self-esteem
- [David and Goliath](#)
- Stand up to bullying on behalf of others
- Talk about your fears and worries
- 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**

The school believes that the virtues 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 they will live in, in the future.

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 for your support.