

What does being a church school, in the diocese of Birmingham look like for pupils?

Church Schools living out the good news of Jesus: Transforming the world by transforming lives

You will be taught knowledge, understanding and skills to enable you to experience fullness of life. This will allow you to play a good part in your neighbourhood as well as enabling you to flourish yourself. You will be treated with dignity. You will learn about hope and aspiration, and how to live well with others.



You will be valued and welcomed by the local (parish/Church of England) church which is linked to your school.

You will know that you belong, that you matter, and that you are accepted as you are, made in the image of God.

You will be loved and celebrated for who you are. You will be kept safe. You will be protected from bullying.

People will listen to you, and people will ask you what you think about things. You will be inspired to ask questions about the world. You will be given chances to become a leader, and to speak up for yourself and others.

You will be taught how to overcome difficulties and realise how to make things better than they are now. You will be inspired to recognise that you can make the world a better place by being your best self – the person you were created to be.

You will learn to be a part of a community, using your gifts and skills to serve one another, to the benefit of everyone.



People will show you how to offer kindness and compassion to both yourself and to others. Bad things happening, and poor behaviour, will not have the last word in school. There will always be hope and the opportunity for a change of heart. You will learn that it is possible to say sorry, forgive, and be forgiven, as well as making up again.

You will see people's lives being changed for the better, including yours.

People will care for your spirit. You will wonder about the mystery of life. You will find out about the greatness of the universe, and your place in it.

Collective Worship

Collective worship is a very important time, which helps us to know who we are as a school and to make sure that we think about what God wants for people's lives. This includes making time and space for God. Here you will find out about the faith people have in God. You will be able to join in with collective worship every day. This will be a time of celebration and reflection.



You will have the chance to find out about, and experience, different ways in which Christians have chosen to worship God, but how you join in will be up to you. Everyone will be welcome and included.

You will be given the opportunity to pray, experience stillness, and to think about what you have heard, and experienced, if you wish to do so. You may choose to take an active part in collective worship, or you may even help to lead it. You may simply wish to be silent and respectful, peacefully preparing yourself for the day ahead.

Everyone will be encouraged to ask big questions about who we are and why we do what we do. You might be inspired to think and act differently. You might discover what you can do to change your corner of the world, or even the world beyond.



You will learn about key Christian values such as gratitude, justice, humility, and forgiveness. You may even develop compassion, humility, resilience, determination and creativity. These help you to be a strong person, and be successful in school.

Religious Education

What you learn about in RE will make you think, and will give you new skills to find out about what different people believe and how it affects their lives. Lessons will help you to make progress, and teachers will make sure that what you learn is correct and relevant, and will take account of diversity. At least 5% of your lessons will be RE.



You will learn a lot about Christianity as a global faith. You will learn about the story of Jesus and why he is so important to Christians. You will learn about Jesus as one who challenges injustice. This includes challenging things that are untrue, unjust, unfair, unkind or wrong. You will hear and explore stories and wisdom from different parts the Bible.

You will learn about and explore world faiths, traditions and beliefs, with respect for freedom of thought, conscience and religion. You will find out about religious traditions and worldviews and learn to speak about them confidently. You will do this in a safe space, where people will listen to each other respectfully.



In a Church of England secondary school, you will continue to study RE and have the opportunity to take a qualification in it.



You will meet and speak with people whose faith shapes their lives. When you learn about religious traditions in religious education, you will be encouraged to think and to question respectfully, so that you can make up your own mind. You will listen to others and learn how to disagree well.