

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report

Christ Church Charnock Richard Church of England Primary School	
Address	Church Lane, Charnock Richard, Chorley, PR7 5NA
How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?	
Overall grade	Excellent
The impact of collective worship	Excellent
The effectiveness of religious education (RE)	Excellent

School's vision
Inspired to learn, grow and flourish within our Christian family. I can do all things because Christ gives me strength. Philippians 4:13
Key findings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school's distinctive Christian vision and associated values have been very carefully developed through meaningful consultation with all stakeholders. The vision and values drive all aspects of the school's work. Because of this, all pupils and adults flourish within a deeply Christian ethos. • Staff and leaders, including governors, work with passion and skill so that all pupils and adults thrive in mind, body and spirit. Leaders generously share their expertise with other local schools and are now beginning to provide wider support. • There is an abundance of exceptionally rich curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for pupils. Because of this, and in accordance with the Christian vision, all are inspired to learn and to reach their potential. • Collective worship has a highly significant impact. Through a very wide variety of outstandingly rich experiences, it not only contributes to spiritual development, but also transforms lives. • Expressing the school's Christian vision, RE is led exceptionally well and with great inspiration. Teaching is of a remarkably high standard. Thus, pupils learn, and flourish in their knowledge and understanding of Christianity and a range of faiths and worldviews.
Areas for development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the school's sphere of influence so that its innovative and inspirational practice can be shared more widely. Ensure that governors evaluate the impact of this on the school.

Inspection findings

The belief that 'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength', is at the very heart of Christ Church Charnock Richard School. Everyone is inspired to learn, grow and flourish within the Christian family ethos. This aspirational Christian vision underpins and drives all aspects of work. The vision was very carefully created by and for the community. There is a deep sense of devotion, to the school and to God. Everyone exhibits incredible loyalty, dedication and commitment to the school. The exceptional flourishing of all pupils and adults, in mind, body and spirit is the result.

Inspirational and passionate leadership is demonstrated at all levels. The significant expertise of leaders is recognised and utilised to great effect within local partnerships. This expertise is now beginning to be employed at a wider level, with the Diocese recognising it as a beacon school. Governors are faithfully committed, hold leaders to account and are equal partners in ensuring the success of the school. Pupil ethos leaders are included as equals on the governor vision, values and ethos committee. The committee meets regularly to maintain the focus on the Christian foundation which is at the very core of the school. Through their actions they help to uphold and affirm the outstandingly strong Christian ethos.

There are exceptionally strong mutually beneficial relationships with the local and the neighbouring church. Pupils plan and lead special services in church. The vicar is a regular visitor in school, augmenting RE Lessons and leading a weekly collective worship as well as Eucharist services. Some Year 6 pupils go on to be confirmed.

Pupils flourish academically at Christ Church Charnock Richard School. Guided by the Christian vision, an ambitious curriculum has been especially carefully planned to meet their particular needs. Parents are whole-hearted in their praise and say that staff go above and beyond what is required. Focus groups very successfully provide for diverse pupil needs. This secures the success of pupils.

A wealth of wonderful experiences, such as Forest school, Spirited Art and huge unbelievable great goals (HUGGS) promote pupils' and adults' spirituality. Leaders ensure that each curriculum area includes opportunities for curiosity and reflection.

Pupils thrive because of the abundance of well-embedded, exciting opportunities. These include many leadership responsibilities, such as science ambassadors, buddies, school councillors and the Archbishops' Young Leaders. The ethos leaders are enormously proud to run a Bible club for younger pupils. It is the norm for pupils to engage in social action, whether individually or collectively. Unwavering faith in the Christian vision ensures that pupils shine, blossom, spread their wings and are prepared for their future. Older students continue to demonstrate the Christ Church ethos, and feel part of the Christ Church family, even after leaving the school.

The school's Christian vision and values underpin the excellent relationships that exist between all members of the school community. Pupils are exceptionally welcoming to everyone. They say that if there is ever an argument they talk with a teacher and make friends again. One parent described behaviour as 'beautiful'. Another said communication is 'amazing'. The chosen Christian values of trust, koinonia, compassion, love, thankfulness, forgiveness and service are part of everyday language. Everyone is guided by the values and lives them out. Pupils especially asked that service be included, as they recognise that everyone serves in some way. A strong feeling of fellowship, koinonia, unites everyone in a common goal. Adults explain how the vision motivates their work: 'With Christ as our guide we prepare children for their future.'




Mental wealth for all is a priority. Pupils know how to keep themselves healthy. Everyone aims to 'be their best self' but knows that life has its ups and downs. Acquiring resilience, persistence and self-confidence is important. This proved invaluable through COVID. Regular questionnaires and surveys of pupils, parents and staff take place. These, together with noteworthy stability, indicate the remarkable fulfilment and contentment that all experience here. The school has the gold Outstandingly Happy standard and is a champion school with the Art of Brilliance. Through this, networking events for pupils and staff take place with other schools from across the country.

Pupils and adults cherish and thrive on daily collective worship. It is meticulously planned, and everyone is included. All benefit from a wide variety of different styles of worship. This includes that led regularly by the pupil ethos leaders and, for example, by visitors from a Kenyan church. Worship is an especially significant time that is used profitably for pupils to hear, value and respect others' ideas. They learn about God and about Jesus' stories from the Bible. Connections are made to Christian values and to individuals' own lives. Worship changes lives, as the personal faith of some adults is developed, enriched and enhanced through worship at school. Pupils candidly explain how they become better through Jesus' teachings. Those present are challenged to, for example, emulate the Good Samaritan by demonstrating trust, compassion, hope, love and kindness. Prayer is a natural part of daily life. Pupils are pleased that everyone can benefit from using the interactive prayer and reflection areas in each classroom. The pupil ethos leaders are making impressive progress with plans for an outdoor space to further enrich these opportunities.

The RE leader's advanced level of expertise is utilised to impressive effect to enable pupils to flourish. She rigorously monitors and evaluates provision and its impact. Her expertise is shared to benefit the RE of pupils in other schools. Statutory obligations are met. Pupils learn about Christianity and a range of faiths and worldviews. They experience valuable visits to and visitors from diverse places of worship. This means that pupils know and deeply respect a variety of religious beliefs. They say some people do have a religion and some do not, but that 'it is OK as we all have differences'. Pupils' knowledge and understanding is impressively enhanced by innovative and inspirational enrichment days.

As a result of living out its distinctive Christian vision, this is truly an exceedingly special, strong and loving Church school family. All are embraced in the warmth of this school and are blessed to be part of it.



	The effectiveness of RE is		Excellent	
	<p>All pupils, including those who are vulnerable, are empowered to make especially significant progress in RE. This is because of the exceptional teaching they experience from very talented teachers. Pupils find lessons exciting, interesting and inspirational. RE lies at the very heart of the curriculum.</p>			
Information				
School	Christ Church Charnock Richard Church of England Primary School	Inspection date	27 February 2023	
URN	119463	VC/VA/Academy	Voluntary aided	
Diocese/District	Blackburn	Pupils on roll	198	
Headteacher	Helen Brooks			
Chair of Governors	Julie Heaton			
Inspector	Janet Tringham	No.	2134	