



## Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report

<b>Kibworth Church of England Primary School</b>	
Address	Hillcrest Avenue, Kibworth Beauchamp, LE8 0NH
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

School's vision
<p>Let your light shine</p> <p>Matthew 5:16</p> <p>There is something potentially wonderful in everyone', therefore our vision is; To provide children with and inclusive, supportive environment enabling them to reach their full potential. To build partnerships that provide an inspirational education that nourishes all children's needs. So that our children can let their light shine to the world.</p>
Key findings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kibworth's Christian vision is entrenched in every aspect of school life transforming the lives of the school community and beyond.</li> <li>• Relationships and well chosen partnerships deepen Christian distinctiveness and also influence other school communities both locally and nationally.</li> <li>• This is a community which watches over everyone with Christian love and there is a deep sense of wellbeing enabling all to flourish and succeed.</li> <li>• Collective worship is inspirational and highly valued contributing to a rich, all-encompassing spiritual awareness. Skilled pupil chaplains add to the richness of worship.</li> <li>• RE is exceptionally well-led creating a safe space for pupils to ask 'big questions' and empathise with a range of viewpoints.</li> </ul>
Areas for development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share the expertise of established pupil leadership groups, including the role of school chaplains, beyond the school.</li> </ul>



## Inspection findings

The school community at Kibworth believes that there is something inherently wonderful in everyone. All are passionate about 'letting their light shine' in this very distinctly Christian school family. Inspirational leaders live and breathe the vision with a compelling sense of shared purpose. The vision is exceptionally well-embedded and is intrinsic in every aspect of school life. Parents give powerful examples of how the Christian vision and values are communicated and celebrated. Christian values are seen as the fundamental way in which the school community display the light of Jesus in their lives. Consequently, lives are transformed and pupils and adults flourish. Governors are relentless in ensuring that the vision has an impact on the lives of the school community. Prominence is given to Christian distinctiveness in school development plans. There is a shared belief that the words of Matthew 5:16 are meticulously considered in every decision made. Courageous choices are made as leaders remain steadfast in upholding the vision.

Carefully considered partnerships with other church schools mutually enrich and have a positive impact. As the only church school within its multi-academy trust (MAT), Kibworth is seen as a beacon and held in very high regard. Staff support and partner with the Diocese to deliver training and facilitate network meetings. The school is only one of two identified nationally to implement a new technology initiative, further enabling pupils to flourish in an ever-changing world. Such links add a real richness to the school's provision and its expertise radiates both locally and globally. Despite many accolades, leaders remain exceedingly humble and generous, crediting everything to Kibworth's deep Christian foundation.

Pupils flourish exceptionally well as they constantly strive 'to let their light shine' enabling them to reach their full potential. They demonstrate a real love for learning and parents feel that their children are highly valued. The school curriculum is ambitious and pupils regularly surpass expectations. Bespoke provision for pupils with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) ensures everyone has the targeted interventions necessary for their learning. Leaders are uncompromising in accessing external support. They continue to lovingly support families as pupils transition to secondary education. Curriculum leaders diligently nurture high levels of expertise amongst the staff team. In depth discussion and staff meeting time has enabled a very clear understanding of spirituality. Opportunities for spiritual development are woven into curriculum planning promoting a deep awareness and times for personal reflection and exploration.

Being a member of the Kibworth family is helping to change lives both locally and wider afield. There is a relentless compassion for others. 'The Well' is run by local churches and pupils generously gather items and toiletries for the food bank. School leaders also signpost families to this provision to access a range of support. The school community shines out as a light with an active and relentless passion for God's world. There are very close links to a MAT project supporting families living in slums in New Delhi. Global ambassadors communicate regularly with children in India. Pupils passionately regard themselves as agents of change and campaigners for social action through a comprehensive range of well supported leadership groups.

The strong and effective leadership team have created a culture of inclusivity where every member of the Kibworth family is known and celebrated. All are accepted and have a unique place empowering them to live life in all its fullness. Pupils regard school as a safe space to express their views and feel comfortable in approaching any member of staff. Extremely high levels of respect and unwavering consistency in dealing with incidents have led to exemplary levels of behaviour. Forgiveness is at the heart of the school's behaviour policy and instances of bullying are rare. There is a deep sense of peace and watching over one another in love.



Concern for mental health and wellbeing is a key priority and strength of the school. Staff feel part of God’s family at Kibworth and consequently this inspires them to live out the school values. They speak of how the headteacher protects and helps to nurture them. Parents say staff go beyond their roles to ensure the best outcomes for their families. Wellbeing weeks ensure that positive mental health is a priority, clearly impacting and embracing all members of the school family.

Collective worship is the favourite part of the day and fundamental to the spiritual life for many at Kibworth. It is highly inclusive and everyone is invited to participate without obligation. The Christian vision is prominent and worship is effectively planned around the supporting values. There is a great sense of expectation as everyone gathers to worship together. They sing about being a light in the darkness and how Jesus can help them to change the world. Pupils become immersed in worship and are keen to make their own contributions. Various adults lead highly inspirational worship aided by technology and a wealth of both traditional and contemporary hymns. Year groups regularly lead worship which is highly appreciated by parents. Class chaplains have a key role in leading prayer and encouraging their peers to reflect on worship back in the classroom. The relationship between church and school is seamless and has fostered extremely strong community connections. Anglican and Methodist clergy offer unwavering support which has had a great impact on spiritual awareness and development. Local Christians meet to pray weekly in school and prayer needs are shared in the parents’ newsletter. Consequently, the school family is prayed for by a local Christian community with a real heart for the school.

Religious Education (RE) is led by an exemplary coordinator. Regular staff training has ensured that there are opportunities to continue to build on knowledge and effective use of a customised assessment system. Pupils are proud of the work they do in RE and understand its importance in helping them to respect others. Church links and creative teaching enable captivating experiences to deepen knowledge and understanding of Christianity. Pupils are given opportunities to consider diversity, faith and culture across a range of religions through practical experiences and visits.

Through immersing themselves in a deeply rooted and relevant vision, this vibrant school community is undeniably transforming lives by shining as lights in the world.

Information			
School	Kibworth Church of England Primary School	Inspection date	2 February 2023
URN	138358	VC/VA/Academy	Academy
Diocese/District	Leicester	Pupils on roll	589
MAT/Federation	Discovery		
Headteacher	Gilly Paterson		
Chair of Trust Board	Andrew Peterson		
Inspector	Joy Hardy	No.	944