

National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools Report

Newbold and Tredington Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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Diocese: Coventry

Local authority: Warwickshire
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School's unique reference number: 130882
Headteacher: Mr Neil Satoo
Inspector's name and number: Mrs Helen Barnwell 349

School context

Newbold and Tredington School is a unique village school in that it is sited in two separate villages, two miles apart. Key Stage 2 are at the Tredington site within a modern building. Key Stage 1 and Foundation are at Newbold in a Victorian building which has been extended. There is a private pre-school unit at Newbold. The villages are in separate Parishes which, at times, works against the development of a united school – the aim of the Headteacher, staff and Governors. There are 99 pupils on roll.

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Newbold and Tredington Primary School as a Church of England school are good.

Christian Values of care, concern and respect for everyone and the world around, underpins the whole ethos of the school. The welcoming entrance hall on the KS2 site immediately focuses the visitor on the theme which pervades throughout the school- Love God and Love your neighbour. Displays of work from Religious Education lessons and evidence of the depth of understanding of the Christian Faith are shown by many of the pupils.

Established strengths

- The care and concern shown by all members of the school community for each other and for the wider community (events for Charities eg Shoebox appeal, NSPCC, a school in Malaysia).
- Half termly visits to the local Churches on whole school 'Link days' when all pupils work on one site and hold a celebration assembly at either Newbold or Tredington Church.
- The work of the School Council – buying and organising playground equipment and promoting anti-bullying.
- The importance of prayer- in worship, before lunch, at Governors meetings- "Eyes closed and hands to heaven, I'm talking to God".
- Displays of RE work and the Prayer Tree showing a thoughtful approach to Christianity.
- The confidence of the older pupils in planning and leading worship.

Focus for development

- Joint planning between the clergy of the two Parishes to ensure that they work together to embed the ethos of the ONE Church of England School in their Parishes which the Head, staff and Governors are working so hard to maintain.
- A consistency in the personal approach of the clergy, to leading worship in the whole school so that pupils get to know them as friends and individuals.
- To encourage the very capable and articulate pupils to regularly evaluate Collective Worship instead of the staff.

The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners

- ◆ Pupils feel valued and special. They feel safe and able to talk to any adult when necessary.
- ◆ Christian values, embedded in the Christian ethos of the school, support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural education of all learners.
- ◆ Work is carefully differentiated for all pupils and extra support is provided to enable everyone to make progress and feel a sense of achievement.
- ◆ The School Council is able to play an active part in the life of the school. Following discussion and research they were given a budget to spend on playground equipment.
- ◆ Relationships between pupils, staff and pupils and staff are very good.
- ◆ Despite the split site the older pupils feel they know KS1 and Foundation pupils and enjoy working with them on the half termly link days.

The impact of collective worship on the school community is good.

- ◆ The daily Act of Worship is regularly led by all staff. It is occasionally planned and led by the older pupils.
- ◆ The whole school worships in the local church on the half termly link days.
- ◆ Pupils respond well to the calm and reflective atmosphere expected during worship. Pupils say that 'it makes them think and gives them time to think'
- ◆ At times, Collective Worship has been used for prayer and reflection on hearing of natural or man-made disasters, both world wide and in the local community.
- ◆ The main festivals of the Christian year are celebrated during Collective Worship. (Easter 2006 described with pictures in an album for everyone to see.)

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school is good

- ◆ The Head Teacher, since his appointment in 2004, has worked hard to unite the two sites into one school. Unfortunately, the interregnum and the fact that the two sites are in different parishes, means that there is not yet a "very close and productive relationship" between the school community and the clergy of the two parishes. (SIAS Guidelines)
- ◆ The recent changes in the Governing Body have resulted in a more unified team totally supportive of the 'one Christian school on two sites' ethos.
- ◆ Parents, staff and Governors value the obvious Christian ethos which permeates the whole life of the school.
- ◆ Close links with the DBE are valued by the Head and staff. Visits from the DDE, the RE and Spirituality Advisor and the Diocesan School Visitor are welcomed and appreciated by all.
- ◆ Recommendations from the previous Inspection have been met so that the school continues to develop as a successful Church of England School.