

Update for Clifford All Saints - April 2025

At this point last year, when we asked to offer an update, I had only just joined Clifford as Head teacher, so Mrs Crackwood kindly offered to pen last year's update for Clifford All Saints. 12 months on, I felt that I should be taking on that mantle, so apologies in advance if I don't do as good a job as has been done in the past!

As a school, Clifford is focused on bringing to life our values of Integrity, Wisdom, Service, Kindness and Teamwork in all we do. Some of the many ways in which we feel we have achieved this are captured in the following paragraphs.

Integrity: Whilst trying very hard to retain all the things that were already great about Clifford, I have been by a number of visitors, who knew the school of old, that things have changed significantly over the last 12 months and, in most cases, this has been seen to be a positive thing! It is always lovely to hear such feedback and is testament to the hard work of the Clifford family that I'm very fortunate to lead. In writing this update, I would therefore like to start by recognising the efforts and dedication of the staff and the wider partners that work with us to bring to life our vision of being a welcoming, inclusive community inspired by the love of God, modelled in Jesus Christ, where we aspire to learn, to serve and to live life to its fullest.

Wisdom: Although Clifford had previously sent out half termly Curriculum Overviews and Knowledge Organisers to parents/carers, outlining what the focus for each subject was, we recognised this wasn't the same as seeing the outcomes of the children's efforts first hand. In June of last year, we started Learning Showcases in each class. Each Showcase begins with a short presentation about what the children have been learning before having time for parents/carers to look through their books, photographs and any artifacts that might have been produced as part of the learning. They are a chance for our children to demonstrate their Wisdom and have been well attended and received by our families. Learning Showcases now run in each class 3 times a year.

Service: Prior to becoming part of James Montgomery Academy Trust (JMAT), Clifford was operating under an Interim Executive Board (IEB), put in place by the LA and Diocese of Sheffield and supported by JMAT. On conversion in March this year, the IEB was closed down and work began to put together a new Local Governing Board (LGB). We were inundated with offers from parents/carers, members of our local churches and community representatives, allowing us to establish a full LGB who have now been serving the school since September. As well as attending meetings, they all have link governor roles which see them visiting school on a termly basis to meet with key staff and monitor elements of school life.

Kindness: Since I joined Clifford a year ago, the PTA has been looking at the best ways in which to allocate funds to have the widest and most varied impact across school. So far this has seen donations towards our new Reading Scheme books, resources required within specific classes and subsidies to support some of our wider curriculum and after school clubs. At our most recent Committee Meeting, the focus moved towards supporting teaching and learning, with money being allocated to the purchase of two sets of Beebots, which are used across school in the teaching counting, sequencing, directionality, problem-solving and estimation with our younger children and for computer programming with our older children. In addition to this, funds have been agreed for school to purchase visualisers which will be used to support teachers to support modelling and direct instruction during lessons. Then, as part of the PTAs on-going commitments, annual contributions have been agreed for playground equipment for each class and for an amount to support with Year 6 transition activities. None of the above would have been possible without the fund-raising efforts of

the PTA members, but also without the generosity that everyone shows when a fundraising event is held in school.

Teamwork: They say pictures speak louder than words, and with this in mind, to best demonstrate our value of Team work, I need to pass over to the children by sharing the following link to our website, where you can scroll down on the home page and watch our promotional video

<https://www.cliffordallsaints.co.uk/>

Thank you for offering me the opportunity to give a taster of the goings on at Clifford All Saints and if anyone reading this would like to come for a look round, please don't hesitate to call the school office on 01142662977 and I would be happy to make an appointment to show you round personally.

Kind Regards

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Head teacher