



Chaplain's welcome

Hello and a BIG welcome to Westleigh Methodist's school family. I am confident your child will receive a warm and nurturing start to their learning journey here in Reception class, where staff will partner with you to inspire your child with a lifelong love of learning.

You might see me around school from time to time, and your children certainly will!

My name is Vicky Tyrrell and I am part time school chaplain to both Westleigh Methodist and it's sister school Bedford Hall Methodist.

Just like you, I am new to this school; being a former owner/director of an engineering firm, and a part time community artist based between The Turnpike gallery and Leigh Hackspace. I have taught Art & Design Technology formally in school and community settings for about 5 years; previously I was a church lay leader and volunteer with youth & children for 25 years.



What is chaplaincy?

A chaplaincy works primarily to show God's love in a school setting, by supporting the spiritual and emotional care of school staff, children, and their families.

1 John 4 v 16 - *"God is love, and all who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them"*

We're also here to support the school's Christian ethos; to offer prayer and guidance, to encourage creativity and curiosity about spiritual well-being and meaning in life.

We can help your child explore their individual spirituality and grow in knowledge of the Christian faith that underpins our school.

The school family gathers for collective Christian worship on a regular basis, and each classroom has its own reflection area based on the core values of our faith; love, teamwork, thankfulness, generosity, peace, forgiveness, equality and justice.

John 10 v 10 - *Jesus said "I have come to give real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of"*

Chaplaincy is a bridge between school and church, but also encourages school to connect with and serve the wider community, including other faiths, community groups and charities; expressing God's love through action and social justice.



Micah 6 v 8 - *"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God"*

I look forward to meeting you in September - Vicky x