





**When it comes to our children's education we all want the best for our children. But as a Christian, what does 'the best' look like and does the Bible have anything helpful to say?**

Our children are a gift from God, entrusted to us (Ps 127:3). We have a responsibility to bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Eph 6:4), training them up in the way they should go (Prov 22:6). It's a 24-7 thing (Deut 6:6-9). It is holistic, it covers the spiritual as well as physical, emotional and intellectual aspects of their lives.

### **YOUR OPTIONS**

So when it comes to our children's schooling what do we do? As a parent in this church community you have several options – options that enable you to exercise your godly responsibilities in different ways.

### **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

Whatever your choice, we want as a church community to support you to the best of our ability in order that you in turn can fulfil your godly responsibilities to your children.

For advice, please contact the church office. We have a variety of church members serving as governors, staff and advisers in all these types of education, and will ask a suitable person to get in touch with you.



**THE KING'S SCHOOL:  
a Christian school where  
every aspect of the school life  
is rooted in biblical values and  
teaching**

Since 1984 Oxfordshire Community Churches have run The King's School – rooted in providing an excellent holistic education, thoroughly grounded in Biblical values with a freedom to develop Christian discipleship.

TKS is a fee-paying school for children aged from rising 5-16yrs, in Witney, West Oxfordshire. It consistently produces outstanding GCSE results with students going to excel at other sixth forms.

The teachers are all Christian and lessons are taught from a biblical perspective. Partnership with parents is a foundational value and many parents help regularly.

Interesting fact: 70-80% of students leave Christian schools saying they believe in Jesus as their personal Saviour. By comparison, other studies have shown that if you are from a Christian home, declaring yourself to be a Christian at the age of 12, that there is only a 50% chance of reaching the age of 15 and still making this declaration (ACSI).

[www.tkswitney.org.uk](http://www.tkswitney.org.uk)



**TYNDALE COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL: a Christian Ethos  
school, open to all faiths and  
none, with OCC as its main  
partner church**

Tyndale Community School is a primary school setup in partnership between OCC and Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust. Tyndale serves the local community in East Oxford and has places reserved for children from Christian families who live across the city.

Open to all, the school sets out to provide an excellent education through an ethos that is consistent with the Christian faith. A number of staff, including the Principal, are Christians. It is led by a Governing Body, many of whom are members of OCC.

A key goal in running a Christian-ethos school in a mixed-faith environment is to develop 'faith literacy' in children – the ability to articulate their own beliefs clearly and winsomely, to listen and understand the beliefs of others, and to learn to disagree respectfully.

[www.tyndalecommunityschool.co.uk](http://www.tyndalecommunityschool.co.uk)



### **YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

This may be a Church of England school, in which case it will have an ethos similar to Tyndale or it may be a community school whose only links to Christianity are through its legal obligations. The advantage of such a school is that it is your local community school. The challenge may be that the school's values are not fully supporting yours as a Christian.

### **HOME EDUCATION**

Members of the church have home educated and can provide information about this option.