

Exploring Faith at Lifepath Brinkburn – Information for Schools

Lifepath is an exciting interactive 'Day Out' for Year 4 pupils that is run on an annual basis at Brinkburn Priory for a full week at the end of June. Over the past 9 events many school staff and pupils say Lifepath is their favourite outing of the year because of the rich variety of creative activities on offer, its welcoming atmosphere - and the sheer sense of fun.

During the day, pupils are offered a variety of activities to help them learn about the Christian faith that has been practised across these islands for the last 1500 years. They are encouraged to reflect on their own 'Lifepath' as they make their way through school and out into the wider world.

No assumption of faith or belief is made and we welcome pupils and staff of all faiths and none. When discussing issues of faith and belief, we deliberately use the invitational language recommended in the best examples of modern religious education. We aim to make Lifepath a comfortable, informative and interesting place to find out, ask questions, reflect on their own values - and we never tell children what to believe.

Lifepath is organised by an experienced core team with a wide experience of schools' work, and enabled by a larger group of volunteers from across the region drawn from a variety of mainstream churches. We always ask schools for feedback after their visit, and use this to help plan next year's event. Here are some recent comments:

"Most amazing day, run by inspirational people. So emotional to see our children in such a caring environment."
(School Staff)

"A huge thank you to everyone involved. A brilliant trip which all the children enjoyed. A clear message throughout which the children have continued to talk about at school. One of the best trips I have ever taken children on."
(School Staff)

"I didn't expect to have so much fun at Lifepath."
(A pupil)

When asked, what one thing you would change about Lifepath, one pupil responded: "I would change it to be a thing to do every week."