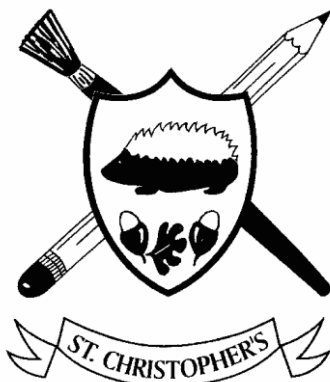


St Christopher's CE Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

POLICY TYPE	NON-STATUTORY
OWNER	HEADTEACHER
APPROVING COMMITTEE	P&S
REVIEW EVERY	5 YEARS
APPROVED BY	
POSITION	
DATE	27 th February 2014

VISION STATEMENT

'Our vision is for every child to reach their full potential within a stimulating, healthy and safe environment.

We will ensure that every child has the skills to grow into a confident and happy adult through the guidance of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.'

St Christopher's CE Primary School has a distinctive Christian ethos which is at the centre of school life. We provide an inclusive, supportive and caring environment, shaped by Christian values in which children can learn and flourish. We welcome applications from all members of the community without reference to ability or aptitude, and irrespective of whether they are of the Christian faith, another faith or no faith, but we expect parents to respect the Christian ethos of our school.

INTRODUCTION

The daily act of collective worship at St Christopher's follows the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act.

The daily collective worship implies the recognition of a deity and may be school or class based.

Aims

- To consider spiritual and moral issues which are of a wholly or mainly of a Christian character.
- To celebrate or reflect on things that are of worth.
- To facilitate the development of a sense of community, of belonging and of sharing.
- To develop understanding of, and reflect upon the value of, our environment and its importance in our lives.
- To encourage pupils to learn how to be part of large and small gatherings.
- To celebrate achievements of others within the school community.

The times of collective acts of worship may vary, but the current pattern is as follows:

Monday	9:05am	Led by the Headteacher
Tuesday	9:05am	Led by the Headteacher or the Curate
Wednesday	2:45pm	Led by a member of staff with an emphasis on singing
Thursday	2:45pm	Led by a member of staff
Friday	2:45pm	Led by the Headteacher with an emphasis on celebrating children's achievements inside and outside of school.

All pupils will attend collective worship. Parents have a right to withdraw their pupils from all or parts of the acts of worship. However, the class teachers and/or Headteacher should discuss the matter sensitively with any parent who wishes to exercise their right to withdraw their child. If a child is withdrawn from collective worship it is implicit that they would be supervised.

Content

The law requires acts of worship should be “wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character”.

There will be times when other faiths and religious traditions will be explored.

Issues will be presented in a variety of ways through stories, poems, songs, role-play, artefacts, media broadcasts, visitors, presentations, interactive whiteboard activities as well as the sharing of children’s and adult’s achievements.

Children will have the opportunity to be involved in worship through prayers, hymns and songs, participation in role play and through quiet reflection.

The major Christian festivals will be recognised in the planning of our collective worship. Beside these the assembly themes will follow those of the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) programme. There is also a need for flexibility in order to respond to national and unexpected events where appropriate.