



# Christ Church

## Church of England Primary School

Being Thankful, Celebration, Fairness, Forgiveness, Honesty, Love for All

### **WORSHIP POLICY**

**The ethos of our school is embedded in our key Christian values**

**Honesty**

**Forgiveness**

**Love for all**

**Celebration**

**Fairness**

**Being Thankful**

**This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this policy supports this commitment.**

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## **Embedding Pupil Safeguarding Awareness in the Curriculum**

All teachers incorporate elements of safeguarding into their lessons where appropriate. This involves:

- Informal conversations;
- Teacher/pupil discussions;
- Briefings for outings and trips (road safety/stranger danger etc) ;
- The implementing of our e-Safety Policy regarding ICT usage;
- An awareness of any potential hazards in lessons – identifying risks and dangers;

Safeguarding is also about pupils' emotional well-being. Teachers encourage pupils to speak out if there is something worrying them, or if they are aware of, or witness something unacceptable, untoward or disturbing. Teachers promote tolerance and respect for each other and acceptance of individual differences. Teachers help pupils develop confidence and resilience and discuss what to do if things go wrong. They are approachable and show their willingness to help pupils at all times.

## **British Values**

At Christ Church C of E Primary School we promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

This includes:

- paired and group work as sharing and working together
- making choices with an understanding that the freedom to choose and have other views is respected and tolerated
- debating social issues with an understanding of how people can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- an appreciation that school rules protect individual children and is essential for their wellbeing and safety
- an acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) are accepted and tolerated without discrimination through school council elections, persuasive writing, and by promoting our Christian school values and Fruits of the spirit as guidelines for behaviour choices.

## **Collective Worship**

### **Mission statement**

**Every child of God matters**

Collective Worship at Christ Church reflects the traditions of the Church of England and develops children's understanding of Anglican traditions and practice.

Collective Worship makes a major contribution to upholding the religious character and Christian distinctiveness of our church school. The importance of worship is central to the life of our school.

### **AIMS**

The aim of Collective worship is to:

- pray and express praise and thanksgiving to God;
- reflect on the attributes of God;
- reflect on the teachings of Christ;
- affirm Christian values and attitudes;
- foster respect and unity;
- share each other's joys and challenges;
- celebrate special times in the Christian Calendar;
- deepen spiritual awareness and reflection.

### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Our collective worship focuses on our identified Christian values: celebration, being thankful, fairness, forgiveness, honesty and love for all. Collective worship also includes Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

### **ORGANISATION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Our acts of worship are led by the leadership team, staff, children, clergy, visitors, and we attend services at Christ Church, Surbiton Hill and Southwark Cathedral. We welcome governor's attendance at our worship at any time and parents have an opportunity to take part.

Collective worship is planned for 30 minutes each day. The whole school worship together twice a week led by members of the senior leadership team or the clergy. Pupils also have the opportunity to worship in key stages three times a

week and in the classroom. Children are able to have an active role in leading, participating and evaluating worship.

## **THEMES AND CONTENT**

Collective worship themes are planned carefully to reflect the church year, Bible teaching, the school year, celebrations and festivals of faith. Plans include a biannual overview, half termly and weekly short term plans.

A single worship plan may include:

- Liturgical season
- Theme
- Biblical references
- Gathering and liturgical greeting
- Engaging
- Responding
- Hymn or song
- Sending and liturgical dismissal

The worship theme is illustrated using drama, artefacts, music, pictures, Anglican liturgy, Bible stories, biblical passages and quotations from significant Christian leaders.

There is often an opportunity within worship for reflection or alternatively time in class to reflect on the collective worship of the day.

Resources for worship are considered within the budget allocation process.

## **CPD AND GUIDANCE FOR VISITORS**

The induction process for visitors and new staff includes, DBS clearance (see Safeguarding policy). Visitors to school are welcomed by a member of the Leadership team. Some visitors and staff will have the opportunity to observe worship in our school before being expected to take worship responsibility.

## **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

Children evaluate collective worship and this is monitored by the RE subject leader/worship leader. Findings are shared with the Faith Group as part of the monitoring process. Peer observation takes place by the Leadership team and development opportunities are discussed.

## **INCLUSION**

Parents may withdraw their children from acts of worship (see RE policy).

Acts of worship as identified in the Education Act 1944 and in subsequent legislation. Christ Church is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School where Christian values and principles underpin the whole curriculum and the experience of daily worship by the whole school community is an important part of school life. In order to preserve the distinctiveness of this church school community, we encourage everyone to be involved in the religious education and collective worship. Parents who have concerns should discuss them with the Head teacher in the first instance and the Chair of Governors before their children are admitted to the school.

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