

St Christopher's Church of England Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

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Governors Review	September 2025
LGB Approval	
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LGB to Ratify	

St Christopher's Vision

Guided by Faith, a Journey of Strength, a Foundation of Pride

At our school, we believe in helping and supporting each other, just as St. Christopher carried others on their journey. With determination and kindness, they grow into confident, independent learners. We show respect and equity, making sure everyone is valued and included. Through positivity and determination, we prepare for life's challenges, knowing that together, learning, kindness, and courage help show a brighter future for all.

"With faith, we soar on wings of strength and rise to every challenge" Ref. Isaiah 40:31

At St Christopher's CE Primary School, we enact this vision by upholding our PRIDE values:

- **Positivity** - "Always be joyful." 1 Thessalonians 5:16 (CEV)
- **Respect** - "Treat others as you want them to treat you." Matthew 7:12 (CEV)
- **Independence** - "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 (ESV)
- **Determination** - "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 (ESV)
- **Equity** - "God doesn't have any favourites." Romans 2:11 (CEV)

Policy Aims

Collective Worship is a key part of daily school life and enables us to establish, explore and reinforce our Christian distinctiveness. It also:

- Provides an opportunity for children to reflect upon God
- Helps children discover their place in the world
- Develops and nurtures children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through their involvement in worship
- Provides children with vocabulary for worship
- Provides children with an opportunity to celebrate Christian festivals and share the central teachings of the Christian faith
- Provides children with an opportunity to explore other faiths, (Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism), including other world religions and non-religious world views, (humanism)
- Heightens children's awareness of ultimate questions and realities
- Enables children to reflect on their worth and value to God and the community and respect the integrity of all individuals as children of God
- Strengthens links with clergy and the churches in and around Red Lodge
- Celebrates gifts, talents and achievements
- Provides opportunities for prayer and quiet reflection
- Provides opportunities for children to take part in and/or lead collective worship

Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a legal requirement for all children within our school, and takes place daily. However, it is the parent/carer's right to withdraw their child from worship 'in accordance with the founding Church of England Trust Deed and Ethos of Statement in the school's Instrument of Government', without recourse or explanation. In such circumstances, appropriate supervision arrangements will be made, in consultation with the child's parent/carer.

Likewise, all staff have the option to withdraw from Collective Worship on the grounds of conscience, creed or religion, without recourse or explanation.

Contribution of Collective Worship to the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of Pupils

One of the key aims of collective worship is to offer pupils opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Spiritual development is promoted by:

- A celebration of special achievements.
- Guided reflection.
- Consideration of a variety of beliefs, values and feelings.
- Appreciation of aspects of life which have special meaning and which contribute to a sense of awe and wonder.

Moral development is promoted by:

- Consideration of moral codes found in school, in religions and in society.
- Consideration of relationships.
- Encouraging empathy by the consideration of moral issues from different perspectives

Social development is promoted by:

- Coming together as a school/class group.
- Bringing visitors into school from the community.
- Sharing values and matters of concerns

Cultural development is promoted by:

- Use of music, art, drama, stories and artefacts from a range of cultural backgrounds.
- Exploring and celebrating aspects of religion and culture.
- Reference to the British Values.

Organisation and Planning

St Christopher's CE Primary School has a planned timetable for Collective Worship, which is reviewed at least annually by the SLT and Governors

Monday	Vision and Values, delivered by the Collective Worship Lead or HT
Tuesday	Vision and Values, delivered by the Collective Worship Lead or HT
Wednesday	Songs of praise- reflection and worship through song
Thursday	Class/Year Group Worship
Friday	Our Celebration Service
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	Our Faith partners deliver services in school and in local places of worship

All class assemblies and celebration assembly **must** include elements of Collective Worship:

- Preparation – a welcome
- Liturgy of the word – hearing and exploring the words of the bible
- Prayers – thanksgiving, prayers for those in need, The Lord's Prayer
- Conclusion – reflection, opportunity for spiritual reflection and dismissal

Records are kept of all acts of Collective Worship, and recording is the responsibility of the Collective Worship Leader and worship council.

Our Lunch prayer is shared before lunch in every class.

Our End of Day prayer is shared at the end of the day.

Links with the wider community

Strong links exist with the clergy and churches in and around Red Lodge.

The school actively seeks members of the wider Christian community to lead acts of Worship. Where possible, visitors are encouraged to use the themes planned. Recording of Collective Worship led by a visitor is then the responsibility of the Collective Worship leader.

Development of Collective Worship

An action plan forms part of the Improvement and Development Plan. Collective Worship receives a budgetary allocation annually. All staff have access to training based on the Collective Worship action plan as appropriate.

Monitoring and Review

It is the responsibility of all Governors to ensure that legal requirements are met. It is the particular responsibility of DEMAT and Local Governors to monitor the standards of Collective Worship by observation and discussion, with the Collective Worship leader. It is the responsibility of the Collective Worship leader to provide written reports on progress against this action plan at least annually.

At the end of Collective Worship, children from the Worship Council are involved in recording their reflections and thoughts. These are shared with the Collective Worship Leader.

An evaluation of Collective Worship takes place annually, at the end of the academic year.