

A Statement from The Diocese

The role and place of Church Schools in the overall mission of the Church of England is of prime importance and the Exeter Diocesan Board of Education (EDBE) wishes to work with the governing body of a school to ensure the continued quality of provision. Church schools have strong internal binding, based on Christian belief and values, and this binding gives educational strength through effective team work, and through shared language and values, which help to create a community characterised not just by people caring for one another and the school serving others but also high quality of education and standards of attainment.

Diocese of Exeter
The Old Deanery, Cathedral Close, Exeter, Devon EX1 1HS



Our Vision

'Achieving and Flourishing together in God's Loving Arms'

'Those that live like Jesus will flourish like a Palm tree, they will grow like a fine and strong tree'. Psalm 92:12

Achieving and flourishing for every single child is the commitment we undertake for all pupils in our school. Our gateways of **Citizenship, Leadership, Expression, Exploration and Flourishing** allow us to place great emphasis on both academic and moral growth. We aspire to make each child's education challenging, motivating and interesting. Our Christian values run

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Our Links with the Church

Our school is blessed and privileged to have links and the support of our local church. Many of our governors attend our parish church, St Mary the Virgin in Churston Village. Rev. John and other Church representatives are regular visitors to our school.

We have a Eucharist at least once a term and many services take place each term in school and increasingly at St Mary the Virgin. The Church offers us great support and helps us to work in partnership to forge greater links with our



Our Core Christian Values:

Church schools have Christian beliefs and values at their heart. This means that every child and adult associated with the school is not important because they are members of the school but also because they are seen as unique individuals within God's creation.

We recognise that as well as children's cognitive, emotional and social development human beings have spiritual needs.



The spiritual aspects of life are therefore recognised at Galampton Primary School and nurtured alongside other development ('mind, body and spirit').

We therefore offer a spiritual dimension to the lives of children and their families, within the traditions of the Church of England.

At Galampton Primary School our Ethos and Christian values are encapsulated through our five gateways. The gateways are our guiding principles and are at the heart of all that we do. All of our gateways are underpinned by bible stories and children are taught how these bible stories can help them lead a good and full life as caring citizens.

Worship

While a shared Christian ethos permeates all our teaching and learning, a particular area of important to us as a Church School is Collective Worship.

There is a **daily act of Collective Worship**, which is a highly valued part of each school day. Although we say **prayers** at other parts of the day we come together either as a class, Key Stage or whole school to reflect, to wonder, to pray and sing.



Worships are led by the Head, staff, the children, visitors and the clergy. It is an opportunity for the children to learn about God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to understand the teachings of the Bible. In our acts of Worship, Bible teachings are related to the school's values and to the daily lives of the children.

Each half term we focus on a different Christian value. This is introduced on a Mondays, followed up in class worships, where certificates are given to children who have most demonstrated the week's value.