

DEVELOPING A DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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WHERE FAITH
MATTERS

1. PILGRIMAGE

Plan a journey with God

2. VISIT

Develop further links with your local church. Consider a churchyard project. Discover churches of different denominations in your locality. Partner with another church school and visit their church as part of a link project.

3. PARTNERSHIP

Work with your local church community. Consider links with Toybox, Food bank, Christian Aid, Eco Church or develop your own project according to the needs of your community..

4. LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

Develop children's understanding of the Cathedral as their mother church

www.llandaffcathedral.org.uk/school-visits/

5. TAKE ACTION

Identify an issue that is affecting the community and how this might feed into worship and prayer. The Children's Commissioner for Wales has developed some helpful resources

www.childcomwales.org.uk/make-a-difference-a-young-persons-guide-to-taking-action/get-together/

6. DEVELOP A LINK

In the diocese, in a different diocese or across the world! This could be a simple pen pal and meet project or more focused on student leadership and an aspect of school development

7. CELEBRATE FAITH

Celebrate Interfaith Week www.interfaithweek.org

8. PRAYER SPACE

Plan a prayer space around a theme or in collaboration with your local church

www.prayerspacesinschools.com

9. SPIRITED ARTS

Dedicate a week to developing spirituality through art. Enter NATRE's annual spirited arts competition.

www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2020

10. SHARE A #JOYFULSTORY

Use social media to share a joyful story with your school community. Consider animation or videos to catch people's attention

11. VISION

Renew or develop your school vision in partnership with members of the school community.

Work through the quadrant activity with children, governors, staff and a group of parents.

12. DIFFERENT PASTS, SHARED FUTURES

Develop the school community's understanding of how we see refugees and ourselves. Engage with refugee week or consider the Simple Acts approach

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

13. RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Engage with the children's commissioners work on UNCRC – Rights of the child. Consider how the school community can develop their understanding of children's rights. Consider a project on Article 14 - Your right to follow your own religion.

14. EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Consider visiting Ewenny Priory, Margam Abbey or St Illydd to take part in one of their educational programmes.

15. OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Consider how you use outdoor areas. Are there opportunities for worship and reflection? How can these be developed? Are there opportunities in the curriculum for beach visits, sleeping under stars or countryside adventures.

16. NETWORKS

Engage in a professional network to develop an area of focus linked to Christian Distinctiveness. Visit another school who have recently developed this area.

17. PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Develop your leadership group's understanding of the school vision. Link action plans to developing the church school ethos.

18. CHRISTIAN AID

Consider projects for Christian Aid week and use of their resources
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/schools>
Letters of Creation is a focus for 2020
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/schools/letters-creation>
Hard copies of resources such as Fume or Futures can also be ordered.

19. CURRICULUM MAPPING

Are there opportunities in your curriculum map for projects that develop Christian Distinctiveness?

20. KEEP IN TOUCH

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