

# A Policy for Performances

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## Aims

At Ilfracombe Church of England Junior School we aim to offer all children a wide range of opportunities to perform to audiences in a range of settings. This will include formal and informal celebrations and will be based around the seasonal calendar as well as class and year group performances based around the thematic learning taking place. We value the contribution all children can make in different ways and believe that as a result of performances children gain self-esteem and confidence whilst also developing presentational skills. We strive to offer as many opportunities as possible for parents to share the learning taking place within our school and to celebrate their children's success.

## Guidelines

1. To create a yearly calendar of performances which focus upon the Christian calendar including Harvest, Christmas and Easter.
2. To create opportunities for classes and year groups to share their learning through topic based celebrations e.g. The Rainforest, The Caribbean, World War II.
3. To offer a range of settings which include our school environment, local churches and the Landmark Theatre.
4. To offer many opportunities for performances to be shared free of charge e.g. Topic Celebrations in the school hall and our Open Days and Living & Learning Festivals.
5. To be aware that due to the large costs involved in hiring the Landmark Theatre tickets need to be sold at a cost to cover some school expenses. Profits are not made from these performances.
6. To invite parents and members of the local community to attend these performances and celebrations and share in a range of events.
7. To publicise all events with as much notice as possible through school letters, the web site and the school blog to ensure everyone has opportunities to attend. It is important that parents and carers take note of this information if they wish to attend.
8. To promote all that we are doing at our school through the local newspapers and in programmes and brochures so that the wider community is aware of what we are offering.
9. To ensure all children can enjoy being active participants in a range of performances over their KS2 period of education at our school.
10. To ensure that children are placed in performance situations where they are challenged to achieve high standards and also succeed in the roles they are given.
11. To enable children to develop their confidence within performance situations staff must prepare them well with sufficient rehearsals and support so they feel confident and ready for the final event.
12. To ensure that children are given equal opportunities to perform during their school life at Ilfracombe Juniors. This will take account of the skills of individuals and how their skills can be best used to develop their confidence, their participation within class and extra-curricular groups, and what each separate performance requires. Best practice will offer all children to play

active roles and work to their strengths whilst also developing wider skills of performance which they may need more help and encouragement with.

13. To ensure all staff have clear briefs about health and safety implications and implement them fully for different settings.
14. To remember that the focus of performance is to celebrate learning, share our learning with others, and to enjoy performing to wider audiences receiving well deserved applause ensuring children feel confident to perform again.

## **Monitoring**

The Lead Teacher for Music and Performance will monitor the effectiveness of the implementation and development of this policy and review annually with the Head Teacher how it should be renewed and promoted further.