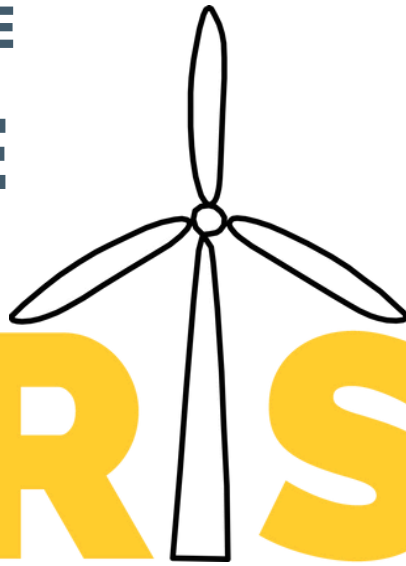


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# CHRISSIE & THE SKIDDLE WITCH

This is a brief guide to **Chrissie and the Skiddle Witch** for any pupils who would benefit from knowing more about what to expect in advance of the show due to accessibility needs or for any other reason. It is intended to be read together with an adult, or for an adult to read and pass on any relevant information to a pupil.

**Please be aware before you read on that it contains some minor spoilers.** If you have any further questions about the show before our visit, teachers can email us at [geologisetheatre@gmail.com](mailto:geologisetheatre@gmail.com).

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This show is performed by two actors. Their real names are Roberta and Matthew, but they will play lots of different characters.

The show is in a storytelling style, which means the two actors will be narrating (telling you) the story, as well as playing different characters who interact on stage. The different characters they play will be signified by them changing how they speak and how they move around. Sometimes they will switch between different characters very quickly.

The show is a musical, which means both the actors will sometimes sing songs to express what their character is feeling. Matthew will also be playing music on a keyboard on stage.

There will be a few props and pieces of set on stage, which the actors will interact with. The set will stay on the stage throughout the show, and won't move or change even though the characters may move to a different location within the story.

There is no audience interaction incorporated into the show.

# Introduction to the story & characters...

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The show tells the story of a 13-year-old girl called Chrissie Riley and her family. Chrissie lives in a seaside town called Skiddle. She is very passionate about tackling climate change and is writing a petition to try and stop some new oil wells from being drilled off the coast of her town. Chrissie's parents are separated and she is staying at her Dad's house during the half-term holiday, where her half-brother Mike lives. Mike is 18 years old and likes to spend his time fixing up his motorbike. At the start of the show, Mike and Chrissie don't get along very well. Chrissie and Mike have the same Dad but different Mums. Their Dad works for the oil company that runs Skiddle's oil rigs and he wants Mike to come and work for the company too.

When a big storm hits Skiddle, Chrissie's headteacher, Mr Evans, persuades her to join a volunteering scheme to help Skiddle's old people. Chrissie has to visit a strange old lady called Annie who lives on the edge of the town to make sure she is okay after the big storm. Annie is Skiddle's recluse (she rarely leaves her house) and the kids of the town call her the 'Skiddle Witch'. To Chrissie's surprise, she finds that the Skiddle Witch is an amazing scientist and shares many of Chrissie's concerns about climate change.

The rest of the show follows Chrissie's journey as she tries to persuade her family to help tackle climate change. Chrissie uncovers a big secret along the way.

The show was inspired by conversations with climate scientists, and there is some science woven into the story and songs.

# This is what the set looks like...

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# These are the actors...

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This is Matthew. He plays Chrissie's brother Mike, their Dad, Chrissie's headteacher (Mr Evans), and various other minor characters. He also narrates the show and plays music on a keyboard throughout.



This is Roberta. She plays Chrissie, Annie (aka the Skiddle Witch) and various other minor characters.

# Themes and emotions in the show...

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Chrissie and the Skiddle Witch is themed around the issue of climate change and explores both the science behind it and the emotions it can make us feel. The main character Chrissie is concerned about climate change. All the extreme weather she sees on the news and in her home town makes her worried about what her future will look like. By the end of the show, Chrissie finds hope in her own campaigning and in all the different ways in which we can tackle the climate crisis, and she persuades the people around her to change.

In the show, you will also see some conflict between Chrissie's family members. Various characters have arguments and get annoyed or angry with each other. They often don't see each other's point of view, and disagree about things. They have heated discussions and often leave scenes without resolving their issues. However, by the end of the story, these characters find some common ground and some of the conflicts are resolved.

Chrissie's parents are separated, but this is normal for Chrissie and she is not concerned about it. It has been like that ever since she can remember.