



Collective Worship Policy

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Policy

Collective worship is a time of togetherness and sharing for the whole school community. It offers opportunities for children to explore and share beliefs; to consider the importance of prayer, meditation and silence; the relevance of ideas and beliefs to their own lives; to think about the needs of others and develop a sense of community; and to appreciate the importance of religious beliefs to those who hold them.

Collective worship also offers an opportunity to re-affirm, interpret and put into practice the values of the school, and is a time to celebrate the achievements of members of the school community.

Legal Requirements

The daily act of collective worship follows the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act. The majority of such acts of worship should be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.

Aims

We aim to provide opportunities for children to:

- Consider spiritual and moral issues which are wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.
- Explore and share beliefs and appreciate the importance of religious beliefs to those who hold them.

- Promote British Values such as Democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect.
- Encourage respect for the beliefs of others and their cultures.
- Participate and respond through active involvement, listening or joining in.
- Consider basic religious concepts.
- Explore feelings such as awe, wonder, mystery and joy.
- Provide a time for reflection and prayer.
- Think of the needs of others and develop a sense of community
- Reaffirm, interpret and put into practice the values of the school community.
- Celebrate achievement.

Pattern and Organisation

Assemblies take place daily and are led by the headteacher, deputy headteacher and class teachers. Class teachers are also encouraged to lead acts of worship in their own classrooms. Visiting speakers who have an appropriate contribution to make to the school's collective worship are welcomed. Collective worship takes place from 10.30am to 10.45am.

Day	Grouping	Location	Led by
Monday	Whole School Assembly	Hall	Headteacher/ DHT
Tuesday	Whole School Singing	Hall	KS1 & KS2 Teacher
Wednesday	Celebration Assembly KS1 or KS2 (alternate weeks)	Hall	KS Teacher
	Class assemblies	Classrooms	Class teacher
Thursday	Whole School Assembly	Hall	Headteacher / DHT / Rev Paul Bradish
	Class Sharing Assemblies (according to timetable)		Headteacher / DHT
Friday	Class Assemblies	Classrooms	Class teacher

Content

Examples from which the school may draw:

- marking the celebration of a broad range of religious and cultural festivals that reflect a diversity of faiths
- examples of lives of people of faith and other good human beings
- stories supporting themes from a range of sources
- response to key local, national and international events
- providing an opportunity to think about their own beliefs
- putting things into practice e.g. supporting charities
- providing a moment for silent reflection/prayer

- celebration of successes of members of the school community
- performances or presentations from members of the school community
- input from visiting speakers

Classroom Collective Worship

Classroom collective worship is valuable because:

- Children can be given greater opportunity to participate and respond.
- Children are more likely to offer their deeper thoughts and feelings in a more intimate setting.
- Direct reference can be made to the children's work in curriculum areas.
- Stimulus material can be closely matched to the children's age and abilities

Right of Withdrawal

Under the 1988 Act, parents have the right to withdraw their children from all or parts of collective worship. It is a legal requirement that all children attend unless their parents have exercised the right to withdraw. Pupils withdrawn from Collective Worship are supervised by the admin staff in the Reception area.

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