



Collective Worship Policy

*Curious, creative and caring. We make every
moment count.*

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Aim and intent.

The aim of the Collective Worship Policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God
 - reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
 - develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
 - consider spiritual and moral issues
 - discuss, reflect and respond to the British values
 - respond to the worship offered.
- The school has a four-year long-term plan of collective worship which progresses on previous learning throughout the school.

Statutory duty of school and intent.

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). This is provided within a daily assembly. The Headteacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the Governing Body. Daily collective worship is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature depends on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the Headteacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Implementation.

Collective worship takes place at the start of every school day and involves all pupils. Members of staff, visitors from the local community, and pupils lead assemblies, throughout the year.

Assemblies include a range of content including:

- Stories from world faiths
- Festivals around the world
- Prayers for ourselves and others
- Songs
- Celebration of talents and abilities
- School Council report to the school
- Fundamental British Values
- School values
- Being curious about the world around them and how it is created
- Learning about spiritual, moral and cultural beliefs
- How to be a good citizen

Each week we will have a values assembly, a singing assembly learning hymns, an awe and wonder assembly, an assembly based on the Christian calendar/ history and a Friday celebration assembly which is an opportunity to celebrate achievement and foster the supportive ethos of the school community and is of a secular nature which all pupils attend.

Each assembly will start with a Christian phrase: such as Peace, be with you and end with a quiet reflect or prayer.

Where appropriate, parents/carers are invited to attend assemblies.

Impact from monitoring, evaluation and review

The school reviews this policy annually and assesses its implementation and effectiveness by listening to informal feedback and consultation with pupils and parents. With a four-year scheduled review for this policy.