

Ashleworth C of E Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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This policy is intended to ensure consistency across the school in terms of collective worship by:

- Engage in an act of community.
- Express praise and thanksgiving to God.
- Be still and reflect.
- Explore the big questions of life and respond to national events.
- Foster respect and deepen spiritual awareness.
- Reflect on the character of God and on the teachings of Christ.
- Affirm Christian values and attitudes.
- Share each other's joys and challenges.
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar.

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all members of the school community an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, at our school, Collective Worship will at times feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. Collective Worship will enrich class work through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

The provision for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy, which informs our practice. To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it should address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide participants the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is organised to provide a variety of focuses throughout the week.

Day	Time	Led by	Type of worship
Monday	8.55	Autumn Barnes	Whole school collective worship based upon 'values for life'.
Tuesday	8.55	Autumn Barnes	Whole school collective worship based upon 'roots and fruits'.
Wednesday	8.55	Claire Gobourn	Whole school collective worship based upon 'open the book' stimulus.
Thursday	8.55	Andrea Williams	Whole school collective worship based upon 'no outsiders', exploring inclusivity through are Christian values,
Friday	12.05	Headteacher/staff	Celebration worship

Collective Worship is the heartbeat of our school and we recognise that worship needs to be organic and allowed to evolve.

Leadership

The responsibility for collective worship is held by the HT, teaching staff and Foundation governors guided by the principles within the Collective Worship policy. We aim to provide a space for pupils to explore their own participation in leading worship developing their own wisdom, knowledge and skills.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

It is our policy to engage all members of our community to engage in planning acts of collective Worship. The school worship team also contribute to collective worship. National and local guidance and planning such as Values for Life, Roots and Fruits are used to ensure that a particular value is focused on and explored by the children, in depth. Visitors will be welcome to lead Collective Worship from time to time and will be given guidance and support to ensure that the children get the most out of each Collective Worship. Daily evaluation forms are filled out by staff to monitor and improve collective worship. Evidence of impact of collective worship is monitored by the children through the values box.

Leaders from Faiths within the area will increase awareness, promote respect and raise the esteem of those who belong to these Faiths.

The Act of Collective Worship

The content and process must be sufficiently stimulating in order to evoke a response in the individual. This may not be visual, but opportunity must be given to express this response through reflection and prayer. If announcements are to be given at the same time as an act of worship then they will be of a positive nature, which at times may enhance the act of worship itself. Announcements will be made preceding the act of worship and a clearly defined break between them and the act of worship will be made. (A change of personnel, music, a moment of silence etc)

Any questions relating to any aspect of collective worship, please speak to the Headteacher.

Our school vision:

To be recognised as an outstanding school that nurtures and stimulates each child, encouraging them to flourish and take their place in our diverse society, while respecting their cultural heritage.

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