



Worle Village Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

Rationale

We endeavour to give all pupils every opportunity to develop morally, spiritually, socially and culturally. Acts of collective worship contribute to this provision.

Collective worship is a gathering of members of the school community in order to reflect on shared values and areas of shared worth and concern.

Collective worship will reflect the broad tradition of Christian belief and is non-denominational.

Aims

- To be in accordance with the 1988 Education Act
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes
- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues and also to explore their own beliefs and values, alongside the beliefs and values of others
- To provide opportunities for children to experience and reflect upon moments of awe and wonder
- To be able to celebrate collectively as part of the school community

Guidelines

- An act of collective worship will take place each day and should normally last up to 15 minutes.
- There should be a unifying element for each act of collective worship.
- Methods used to present a central theme may include readings from the Bible or other sacred writing as well as secular literature, singing hymns and songs, prayers, silence, music or dance so that all those present have an opportunity for participation and reflection.
- The worship will be planned to be relevant, meaningful and inclusive of all, and will allow for a variety of responses.
- The act of worship will be taken by members of staff, representatives of local churches, the children, or by carefully chosen visitors.
- Worship will reflect the major events and festivals in the Christian calendar and in other world religions.
- There will be a prayer or quiet time for reflection.
- Various stimuli may be used as a focus for quiet thought or prayer.

- Elements used in worship may be music (records, songs, groups, recorders etc) listening to stories, Bible readings and other relevant passages, movement, mime drama, audio-visual material
- Our assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of the children wherever possible.
- Termly assembly themes will be agreed.

Organisation

The normal organisation of collective worship is:

Monday	Whole School Assembly led by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher
Tuesday	Class based assemblies.
Wednesday	Class based assemblies.
Thursday	Singing practice.
Friday	Whole school celebration assembly led by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher

Most services are held in school. However visits are made to St. Martin's Church for when appropriate e.g. Christian festivals.

The Education Reform Act 1988 makes provision for pupils and teachers to withdraw from collective worship. Parents wishing to exercise this right are asked to express their wish in writing to the Headteacher.

Conclusion

The daily act of collective worship should be a spiritual experience for both pupils and staff, which is central to the ethos of this school.

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