

Collective Worship Policy



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In accordance with the 1988 Education Reform Act 6(1) and 9(3), all pupils in attendance at school shall on each school day take part in an act of collective worship unless the parent requests that he/she may be wholly or partly excused from attendance at religious worship in the school. As a Church of England school our daily act of worship shall be consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England. From time to time use will be made of the local Parish church of St John's for these acts of worship.

Aims

Collective worship in Holy Trinity & St. John's School aims:

- ✚ To uphold and reinforce the school ethos
- ✚ To incorporate a time to communicate with their own inner spirituality through music, readings or images. For some this will involve the worship of God, however defined and understood.
- ✚ To consider moral and spiritual issues
- ✚ To explore their own beliefs
- ✚ To encourage participation and response whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to and joining in the worship offered
- ✚ To develop community spirit
- ✚ To reinforce positive attitudes e.g. caring, sharing, honesty, responsibility, respect, politeness, equality, awareness of the differing nature of the wider community, empathy, work ethos, celebration of achievements (self and others), reflective approach to life and living, difference between right and wrong.
- ✚ Provide opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Usual pattern of Collective Worship

Monday - Whole school worship led by member SLT on rota introducing the theme for the week.

Tuesday - Key stage worship led by member SLT and 5 other staff on rota

Wednesday - Whole school worship. These are led by various members of staff or by members of the local Christian community. Once a year, a year group and its parents go to St John's church for worship as well.

Thursday - Key stage worship led by class and staff alternately. So if KS1 have teacher led worship in gym, KS2 have class led worship in hall with leading classes parents invited.

Friday - Whole school worship led by Head teacher, recapping on theme for the week and celebrating good work and other outstanding achievements.

Monday worship is a celebration for the whole school to join together and all staff, teaching, non-teaching and clerical are invited to join together on this occasion.

Tuesday - Friday acts of worship are attended by all teaching staff and any others wishing to do so.

We are one community and as such feel it is important that we share together in this valuable time each day. Tuesday and Thursday gives the opportunity for more differentiation and the chance to value our key stages too.

Pupil withdrawal

There is a centrality of worship in our Church school and this is made clear to Parents before their child enters the school. Worship is inclusive and parents and children should understand that worship is an occasion where each individual's integrity is respected. It is not an occasion for evangelism. The right to withdraw pupils from collective worship is available to all parents. This can be arranged in consultation with the Head teacher and arrangements will be made to supervise the withdrawn pupil.

Teacher withdrawal

Teachers also have the right to withdraw from collective worship, but this must be done in consultation with the Head teacher.

Co-ordinating Worship

Worship is planned in outline by the RE and collective worship subject leader and ratified by the Head teacher. Detailed planning of each act of Collective Worship is the responsibility of the person leading. One day a term is allowed for planning and record keeping. The RE subject leader liaises with the Christians in the local community about their involvement in leading worship.