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Primary School*

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Learn, laugh and live with the love of God

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POLICY

Rationale

Collective worship is central to the life of the school. We aim to make worship a quality experience, important to the ethos of the school and its religious character. As a Voluntary Aided school worship will be conducted in accordance with the Trust Deed of the school.

Purposes

- To provide collective worship that is consistent with the faith and practices of the Anglican tradition.
- To present opportunities to promote spiritual and religious development
- To contribute to the nurture of faith through a greater understanding of the Christian faith.
- To reflect and share Christian values
- To foster good relations with the parish of St James the Great, its clergy and congregation and the wider Christian community of the area.
- To provide a sense of occasion with the opportunities for individual reflection and a variety of personal responses.
- To provide an opportunity to bring before God in prayer personal needs and those of others.

Broad Guidelines

- School will provide an act of collective worship each day, through a variety of groupings including whole school, Key Stages and classes.
- Collective Worship is a legal entitlement of all children in the school, however parents do have a right to withdraw their children from worship. Parents do not have to explain or give a reason for this.
- Should children be withdrawn from Collective Worship the school will provide adequate supervision to ensure their safety.
- Collective Worship is planned each half term around a theme and festivals within that period.
- A record of Collective Worship is kept in a file in the staff room.
- Collective Worship will include listening to music, prayer, singing, story and reflection time.
- Visitors are both welcomed and encouraged to lead worship in school.
- Eucharist is established within Key Stage Two with the clergy from St James the Great.
- Prayers are said in class before lunch and at the end of the day.

Collective Worship Broad Guidance

- Timetable for worship:-

DAY	TIME	WHO
Monday	9.05 -9.30	Whole School celebration (HT/DHT)
Tuesday	Flexible	Class (Class teacher or KS Leader)
Wednesday	9.05 – 9.30	Whole school – Prayer and Praise (Class teachers on a rota)
Thursday	9.05 – 9.20	Key Stage 1 Father Andrew Key Stage 2 includes Celebration
Friday	9.05 – 9.30	Key Stage 2 and community Eucharist – Father Rodney

- Collective Worship is conducted in a dignified and respectful way. Children and staff are reminded that it is a period of calm reflection. Staff model how to behave, with no talking as they enter the hall.
- A candle is lit to represent the start of the Collective Worship.
- Bible reference are included

- Music is played whilst the children enter and leave the hall to ensure an appropriate atmosphere is created.
- Elements for a Collective Worship to include

Introduction	Introduce theme and connect to values / children's experiences	SHARING
Singing	Range of traditional and more modern hymns	PRAISING
Story / Talk	Use range of resources including Bible and secular	LISTENING
Reflection	Pause for thought and short time of meditation	THINKING
Prayer	Diocesan pack gives good examples to use	PRAYING
- Make it relevant to the child
- Make it God centred
- Make it child centred

Parents have the right to withdraw pupils from Collective Worship. If they wish to do so they need to inform the Headteacher in writing.