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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

At the heart of worship is the possibility of encounter with the Living God. This may occur through words, music, stillness and actions, or a combination of these. Worship involves praising God, hearing Him speaking to us, praying to Him and reflecting on His influence in our lives. Collective worship in school gives children the opportunity to experience what worship is, what worship can mean, and for some, that experience will lay a foundation for future faith commitment.

At All Saints this worship will be Christian in character reflecting Anglican traditions and practices (in accordance with the requirements of the trust deed) but may include insights from other faiths.

Worship in this school will take account of the age, aptitude, and the ability of the pupils and to this end some of our worship will be a coming together of the whole school and some will take place in smaller groups for example, key stage or individual class worship. It will reflect the needs of the children and support the ethos of the school. It may be enhanced by being integrated with the work in curriculum areas.

VALUES, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Collective worship in this school will provide opportunities, in a reverent and respectful manner, for pupils and adults to worship God and to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection.

Collective worship will enable pupils and adults to appreciate that Christians worship in different ways, for example using music, silence, story, prayer, reflection, the varied liturgical and other traditions of Anglican worship, festivals and the Eucharist.

Collective worship will help pupils and adults to appreciate the relevance of faith in today's world. to encounter teachings of Jesus and the Bible and to develop their understanding of Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God and its language.

Worship will promote shared values and reinforce positive attitudes. It will increase pupils' awareness of themselves as individuals and groups within the school and wider community.

Collective worship will deepen pupils' sense of wonder about the world as God's creation.

Collective worship will allow pupils to respond freely to religious and spiritual stimulus.

Worship will be Christian but, where appropriate and complementary, insights drawn from the traditions of other faiths may be included acknowledging diversity.

Worship will usually take place on the school premises. Regular visits to All Saints Church will take place for special services.

WITHDRAWAL FROM WORSHIP

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from any or all acts of worship. Any parent who wishes to exercise this right should consult with the Headteacher. A report will be made to the Teaching and Learning Committee at least once in every school year.

PLANNING WORSHIP

Staff are provided with a termly worship plan, which includes worship themes, bible references, appropriate music to support worship, as well as links to relevant resources.

Every act of worship will include some of the following :-

Singing modern and traditional hymns. Christian songs and choruses.

Music to set atmosphere.

Silence time to think, reflect and offer private prayers.

Readings Bible passages, poetry, selections from other sacred texts,

Prayers spoken and silent.

Teaching explanation of how Christian truths may be related to life, and help with integrating worship with daily life.

Pupil contribution/discussion

The Eucharist will usually be celebrated once or twice a term, either in school or in church.

Each half-term, a group of Key Stage 2 pupils are invited plan and deliver a Pupil Led Collective Worship to the rest of the school, based on the value of the half-term.

ALTAR OR FOCAL POINT

A suitable focus will be provided for the children's attention to create a worshipful atmosphere. An alter cloth of the appropriate liturgical colour of the church year is used.

THEME OF WORSHIP

Theme of worship is mainly based on half-termly Christian values.

MONITORING OF WORSHIP

The quality and impact of Collective Worship is monitored by Headteacher, senior leaders and Governors. Feedback is also sought from pupils in order to improve practice.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP/ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Collective Worship and/or Assembly is led either by a member of staff, a class or a group of pupils, the Vicar, the Curate or another visitor and is usually based on the school's half-termly value. Parents and other friends of the School are invited to Collective Worship, Class Assemblies, Services, Performances and other assemblies when appropriate.

THE USUAL TIMETABLE IS:

MONDAY

Whole school Collective Worship will focus on a chosen Christian value, led by the Vicar/ Curate/member of staff. All pupils and members of staff will attend.

TUESDAY

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 class Collective Worship.

WEDNESDAY

Whole school 'Songs and Worship', including a wide range of musical forms, and a short period of reflection or prayer.

THURSDAY

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Collective Worship following a termly plan.

FRIDAY

Whole school Collective Worship or Achievement assembly.

This Policy was approved by the Governing Body after consulting with the Headteacher.

Date approved: May 2018

Date of next review: May 2021

The Teaching and Learning Committee will consider all reports or information received on Collective Worship. If action to amend this policy is considered necessary before the next scheduled review a report will be made to the Governing Body.