

Collective Worship Policy Statement

Rationale

Collective worship is an important element in the life of the school. Through this policy we seek to show how we fulfil the legal requirements.

Aims

To foster a sense of community within the school with shared attitudes, values identity and purpose.

To celebrate the achievements of individuals in the school and the wider community.

To give children experience of being active members of a caring community by fostering an atmosphere of love, security and kindness.

To help children develop the common standards, attitudes and values which are fundamental to the Christian faith.

To develop an awareness and concern for the needs and feelings of others.

To celebrate difference and diversity and provide opportunities for children to gain an insight into commonalities of other faiths.

School worship is child centred and related to the pupil's own experiences. It should be meaningful and involve both pupils and staff as active participants.

Because of the wide age range in the school, Collective Worship is as follows:-

Monday	-	Whole School: Headteacher
Tuesday	-	Hymn Practice Rota
Wednesday	-	Class
Thursday	-	Whole School: Deputy Head /Visitor/Class Assemblies
Friday	-	Whole School Assembly of Achievement

Principles

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act collective worship is broadly Christian in character

Themes are planned for the year by the RE subject leader in consultation with staff.

Themes can be linked to religious events, special events, topics being undertaken and to the calendar of religious festivals for the year.

The headteacher and other members of staff normally conduct assemblies. Visitors from the community and representatives of local religious groups also conduct assemblies.

Class assemblies presented to parents take place each half term.

A weekly assembly of achievement involves celebrating the success of the children, both in and out of school. This assembly promotes the ethos of the school which is that all children are valued and their achievements recognised.

The venue for Collective worship differs according to the groups of children involved. The hall and the classroom are used most frequently. Celebrations at Harvest Time, Easter and Christmas are often celebrated in the village church St. Matthews.

Right of withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from acts of worship. Arrangements would be made for children who have been withdrawn from collective worship. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1988 Education Reform Act.