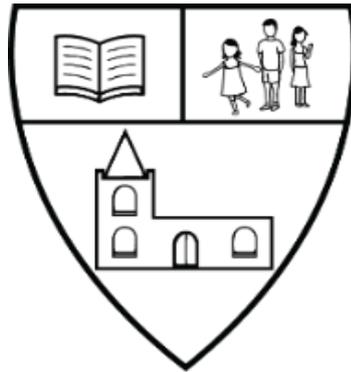


GUILDEN MORDEN
Church of England (VC)
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Collective Worship
Policy

"I will praise the LORD God with a song and a
thankful heart."

Psalm 69:30

Date ratified: Spring 2017.

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Introduction

In line with our mission statement, we will provide children with the skills and experiences to support their development into happy, confident adults, with the capacity to relate to others in a meaningful and respectful way.

Mission Statement

"Together we work to succeed"

At Guilden Morden School, we aim to provide each child with a challenging, stimulating and enjoyable education.

We will strive to develop the whole child through the encouragement of high expectations, in an inclusive and supportive environment, where every child can reach for their potential and grow in independence.

We will nurture attitudes of care and consideration in keeping with our Christian Ethos.

Our Code of Conduct

"Together we work to succeed"

At Guilden Morden School

- We follow adult instructions so that the adults can keep us safe and help us to learn.
- We are kind, helpful and polite.
- We look and listen and always try to do our best.
- We keep ourselves and each other safe.
- We look after our school and everything in it.

What is Collective Worship?

Collective Worship is inclusive and appropriate to the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of the pupils. At Guilden Morden Church of England School we see collective worship as a whole school activity. The aim is to link themes across the classes and throughout the year. The main Christian festivals are celebrated according to season. Themes are selected by the head teacher and staff and a record is kept. Themes reflect the ongoing life of the school, the village and the wider world community. Family, moral and social values are acknowledged and explored. The children's spiritual and cultural development is enriched by singing, bible reading, prayer, music appreciation, stories, drama, poetry and art.

We use the Good News Bible and the Lion Children's Bible and visitors bring in their own versions.

All assemblies start with the lighting of the candle and a cross is on display.

The children listen to a piece of music which is chosen, in rotation, by staff and themselves.

There is specific worship content and a time for prayer and reflection. The children will be encouraged to offer their own prayers where appropriate.

At lunchtimes the children say/listen to a grace.

Every child should have equal opportunity to attend and take part.

By the very nature of the task of teaching in a small school, members of staff may not necessarily attend every act of worship.

The school has close ties with the local parish church and school services are held in church at least termly. The school also works closely with the Diocese and will seek advice as appropriate.

The head teacher aims to attend the Church Headteachers' Conference each year. Pupils in year 5 and 6 attend the Ely Cathedral Worship days on a two yearly cycle.

The school seeks to promote positive relationships with the parish church and to encourage pupils' attendance at special services outside of school for example carol concerts and Christingle.

The school has regular visits from the Bishop's Visitor GenR8, Open the Book and representatives of other Christian denominations, who present a prepared theme. Children from Guilden Morden Church of England Pre-School join us for worship each Friday. There are family assemblies held throughout the year. Children are encouraged to take an active role in assemblies in a variety of ways; this may include being chosen as a volunteer during an adult led assembly, taking part in a class assembly, or planning and leading worship.

Weekly Assembly Plan

All of our assemblies include collective worship.

Monday

Head teacher's Collective Worship - introduces theme for the week, incorporating suitable music, prayer, song and opportunity for discussion and reflection.

Tuesday

Whole school Collective Worship led by either a class teacher or a visitor

Wednesday

Praise Assembly - the whole school join together to learn new songs for worship, appropriate to the religious season

Thursday

Collective Worship in classes using the theme of the week and led by the class teacher

Friday

Celebration Assembly led by the Head teacher or senior teacher.

Achievement in the following areas is celebrated-:

Work of a particularly high quality for that individual

Disposition and Attitudes linked to the School Code of Conduct

Behaviour at lunchtimes (class award nominated by midday supervisors)

This assembly is attended by Pre-school children

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

Equalities Policy

Inclusion Policy

