

ST. GEORGE'S C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

It is important to differentiate between worship and assembly, but yet at the same time show that both play a vital part in the life of the school, but are completely different. It is an integral part of the life of our school.

Aims

We offer pupils, irrespective of age, gender, race or disability, the opportunity to gather together to hear words, watch drama, look at visual aids, experience prayer and quiet reflection time which may lead them to take the threshold of worship.

That worship will be appropriate to the ages and background of the pupils

The Christian year will give an annual shape to the worship

The Anglican tradition will be upheld, including developing an understanding of the Trinity

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship (by prior arrangement with the headteacher)

The Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring that each pupil takes part in an act of collective worship each day.

The Act of Worship

Children will be encouraged to be reflective and thoughtful during the act of worship

The table will be the focal point when the candle is lit.

The service will open with the Prayer of Preparation.

The service will open and close with a response from the children. It will also include an opening prayer and will include the Lord's Prayer, the Grace and the School Prayer.

Music may be used to create an atmosphere of 'stillness'

There will be a 'theme' for worship during the week.

A termly theme is used as the focus for our Collective Worship. This is one of our home-school values and is seen as an integral part of our home-school partnership. (See list below for current themes)

The service will also include a hymn and a time for reflection.

Parents and members of the community are most welcome to share the experience of our worship.

Those leading worship must be aware that there may be children of a different faith or no faith.

We use a collective worship file to record our aims and plans for whole school worship. This also contains reflections on and an evaluation of the children's response to individual worships. These assessments are used to inform future planning of our worship.

A wide range of approach is used, including the use of stories, poems, artefacts, festivals, visitors, music, drama and news.

Our Collective Worship week

When?	Who?	Where?	Led by?
Monday	Whole school	Hall	Head/Deputy
Tuesday	Whole School	Hall or Church	Clergy/Members of St. George's Church
Wednesday	Own class	Classrooms	Children or class teachers
Thursday	Whole School	Hall Hall	Class teachers on a rota basis
Friday	Whole School Celebration Worship	Hall	Head and Class teachers

Collective worship themes

Term	Home-school value theme
Autumn 2016	Peace
Spring 2017	Courage
Summer 2017	Friendship
Autumn 2017	Trust
Spring 2018	Thankfulness
Summer 2018	Responsibility

Date of last review: July 2015

Date of next review: July 2017

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