



Collective Worship Policy 2023

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School Vision

Our vision is to ensure that every child achieves happiness, emotional and physical wellbeing and the opportunities to develop an understanding of their own spirituality. Through this vision our children flourish with kindness as individuals and achieve their best. All children will grow a lifelong love of learning, a love for others and our world and a love for themselves.

'Love each other as I have loved you'
John 15 :12



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Collective Worship is a time where we come together to share our love of God and celebrate our achievements. The worship of the school is based on promoting the Christian values, which permeate the ethos of the school. As such, the contributions of staff, pupils, church clergy and other visitors are valued highly. Pupils and staff may withdraw from acts of collective worship on religious grounds.

Statutory Duty of School

The Headteacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1988) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the Governing Body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of broadly Christian character. The acts of collective worship in our school are Christian, we also hold assemblies that reflect other cultural and religious traditions that are represented in the school and the wider community.

Aims:

Children and staff are given the opportunity to:-

- Develop morally, spiritually, socially and culturally.
- Celebrate collectively as part of the school community.
- Experience daily religious worship.
- Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature, and on their own beliefs.
- Develop a community spirit, common ethos, shared values.
- Consider their own spirituality
- Broaden awareness of self, others and the world in which we live.
- Deepen understanding of cultural diversity.
- Reflect on our school values

We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school and conduct assemblies in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that assembly time is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully to the teachings and invite the children to participate fully in prayer. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and candles along with other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of the children.

Our worship reflects the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate by showing their work to the other children and raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of schools. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Sedgeberrow is a successful school and we celebrate the successes of all the children.



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Focus:

Our school hall is dual-use, used by the community after 4.30pm therefore; it is not possible to have a permanent focal point for assemblies but a small table is prepared each morning with a cross and three candles on it as a focal point – The candles represent the holy trinity. We have a number of displays in our library as a reminder that, as we enter the school, we are a Church of England School. Reflection is encouraged by the use of prayer areas in the classroom and the library, music, outside area – spiritual garden, candles. We also encourage response phrases such as “thanks be to god”, “amen” or responses to prayers of intercession.

Collective Worship: Daily 10.20 – 10.40 am

Monday	Values Assembly – staff rota Roots and Fruits
Tuesday	‘Jam Club’ – led by Jesus and Me Club (Children led assembly)
Wednesday	Sharing Assembly - Celebration
Thursday	Hymn Practice
Friday	Achievement Assembly - Certificates are awarded.

At the end of each half term, the whole school visits St. Mary’s Church, Sedgeberrow, for a service led by our priest-in-Charge. This service is an Act of Common Worship and follows a service sheet, which provides a structure in the Anglican tradition.

Elements of Common Worship are also included in School Worship particularly on a Tuesdays.

Visitors from the wider community often enrich worship. Our Harvest Festival, Carol Service and Easter Service are often celebrated through dance, drama, singing, poetry, etc.

It is the role of a named school governor with responsibility for religious education and collective worship to monitor the policy and practice of collective worship. The governor concerned liaises with the head teacher before reporting to the governors on religious education and collective worship.



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