



St Mary Magdalene C of E School
with
Christ Church C of E Primary School

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Mission Statement

One of the main aims of our Mission Statement is 'To celebrate our Christian ethos and serve from our hearts with joy and compassion.'. We aim for our collective worship to reflect the distinctive nature of our C of E Status and to reflect the Christian principles on which the Federation was established. Worship is a central part of our schools life. Each day there are opportunities to gather together for a time of reflection and worship. These times are planned to allow time for that intimacy which the Federation ethos engenders and to ensure that they are inclusive, invitational and inspiring. Our aim is to allow the school families to gather together to focus on the glory of God and His creation. We recognise Collective Worship is a major contributor to the spiritual and moral development of pupils, which is a prime goal of education.

Legal Requirements

In this school, as with all Voluntary Aided Schools, responsibility for ensuring that appropriate Collective Worship takes place rests with the Governing Body after consultation with the Co-Headteachers. We acknowledge all schools must provide daily collective worship for all registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn from this by their parents). This may be provided within daily assembly but the distinction between Collective Worship and assembly should be made clear. (They may sometimes form part of the same gathering, but the difference between the two will always be made clear. It can take place at any time during the school day and can be either a single act of worship for all pupils, or separate acts of worship in school groups.)

The Nature of Collective Worship

We believe that Christian worship in a Church of England school is concerned with giving glory, honour, praise and thanks to God and taking time to develop our own sense of awe and wonder about the world and the people in it. Worship in this school is more than just a legal requirement. It is an integral part of school life and central to our Christian and Church of England tradition.

The Aims of Collective Worship

We believe that Collective Worship in our schools aims to provide opportunity for all pupils and staff, within a reflective and significant atmosphere, to:

- Express praise and thanksgiving to God
- Reflect on the attributes of God
- Reflect on the teachings of Christ
- Affirm Christian values and attitudes
- Experience a sense of belonging and develop community spirit
- Share each others joys and challenges
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar
- Foster respect and unity
- Deepen spiritual awareness and experience awe and wonder

Organisation and Planning of Collective Worship within the Koinonia Federation:

Collective Worship is a planned activity. Each term the Co-Headteachers, along with other key staff and clergy will plan a programme of Collective Worship.

In the primary phase Collective Worship will be in the school hall, as a whole school everyday. (On the rare occasions when it is not possible for this to take place there will be collective worship within each classroom.) Within the secondary phase, Collective Worship may also take place in other locations, including the Faculty atria, gymnasium or classrooms.

PRIMARY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP:

Day	Type of worship	Led by
Monday	Linked to current theme	A member of leadership team
Tuesday	Worship through song or Visitor or Class	Visitor or class
Wednesday	Linked to current theme or Worship through song	Class teachers
Thursday	Linked to current theme or Visitor or Class	Named teacher at each site
Friday	Celebration worship	House Captains

SECONDARY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP:

Year 7 Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leadership CW	FG Worship	K Awards Worship	PSHE Worship	Achievement CW

Year 7 Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FG Worship	Visitor CW	K Awards Worship	PSHE Worship	Achievement CW

Year 8 Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FG Worship	Visitor CW	PSHE Worship	K Awards Worship	Achievement CW

Year 8 Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leadership CW	FG Worship	PSHE Worship	K Awards Worship	Achievement CW

Collective Worship is planned:

- following the values that we have chosen to focus on for the academic year
- includes Church of England liturgy and reference to the Bible, Jesus' teaching and the Trinity.
- with reference to the Church's seasons, significant dates and the curriculum. Scripture is often used as a focus in acts of worship
- involving consultation with appropriate parties and reference to school aims and policies
- with flexibility to respond to changing situations within the school and the wider community

- to develop pupils' skills that enable them to prepare, organise and lead worship rather than always participating or contributing in a token way.

A list of themes covered during each term is displayed in each campus leadership office. As well as Collective Worship in school there are occasions when it is held in either each Campus' local parish church, when the school will celebrate significant times in the Church Year (eg. Harvest, Christmas, Easter) and other special events for the school (eg. Leavers). Annual services attended by pupils at Southwark Cathedral are the Year 6 Leavers Service and the Bishop's Lent Call.

Prayers throughout the day

At primary as well as daily Collective Worship pupils say or sing Grace before leaving their classrooms for lunchtime.

At the end of the day each class will say a prayer before leaving for home. (Classes either have a prayer book or prayer board from which to choose their prayers.)

In the primary phase, there are Prayer spaces in communal spaces which can be used as a focus for worship for individuals or groups to use. In the prayer space there is a Prayer Box in which pupils can place prayers to be read in our Friday Celebration collective worship.

In the secondary phase, a reflection area can be found between the Logic & Enterprise and Creative & Health Faculties. It is used as a focus for worship and prayer for individuals and groups, with resources including a prayer box, Bible and book of prayers.

Monitoring and Evaluation

We regularly evaluate our schools' provision of worship to consider whether it meets the needs of all pupils and whether pupils are making progress in acquiring skills and abilities in organising and leading worship. Evaluation is through pupil interviews, observations and staff feedback. Provision will also be monitored to ensure it meets school policies and any statutory requirements.

The governors on the Ethos Committee also observe collective worship and take part in an Ethos walk each term. There is a rota so this takes place at each Campus at least every 18 months.

Policy Monitoring and Review

This policy is monitored by the Co- Headteachers and is evaluated and reviewed by the whole school staff and governors every two years. The Foundation Governors and the Ethos Committee in particular will play a most important role. As an expanding school we will review this policy and the collective worship provision for each new year group every year. This policy is reviewed each year by the Ethos Committee.

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