



Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School

The Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

This policy should be implemented within the context of our vision, aims and values as a Church of England School (see website).

Rationale

Collective Worship is a major contributor to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the children. It provides opportunities for them to be reflective; worship God together; be aware of his presence and develop children's knowledge of the Christian faith. This is in accordance with the requirements of the Education Reform Act of 1988, 'Church School Leadership', and the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools.

Aims

- To reflect on Christian principles and values.
- To reflect on principles and values of other people and cultures.
- To consider spiritual and moral issues.
- To explore their own beliefs.
- To evoke feelings of wonder, awe, curiosity and empathy.
- To develop community spirit, promote a common ethos, shared values and positive attitudes.
- To actively participate and respond in the activities.
- To bring the whole school together in thought and reflection
- To share and celebrate individuals or groups within our school
- To create a sense of occasion.
- To involve member of the wider church community

It is our aim that children should see Collective Worship as a time where teachers and pupils may express joy, thankfulness, share concerns and experiences, affirm beliefs and values of our school community, the wider community and the Christian Church of which we are all part of.

Guidelines

1. Collective worship is held daily for approximately 15 minutes (10.25 Monday - Thursday, 2.50pm on Friday). A rota has been established (see attached planning sheet).
2. Generally, the following weekly timetable is followed:

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- Monday: Headteacher leads the theme
 - Tuesday: Headteacher or Reverend Daborn lead the theme
 - Wednesday: Open the book
 - Thursday: Phase leaders explore the theme in age appropriate phases
 - Friday: celebration focus.
3. The act of worship will follow a recognisable format such as:
 - Acclamation and lighting of the candle... 'The Lord is here/The Lord be with you/Peace be with you', (reponse) 'His Spirit is with us/And also with you'.
 - A hymn or song related to the theme (this could be as pupils enter or leave).
 - A quiet time for prayer, relection, meditation, stillness or silence.
 - A clear focus with pupil participation.
 - Engaging elements such as music, stories, Bible readings, mime, drama, artefacts, posters, audio or visual materials.
 - A worship dimension: reflection, stilling, prayer, wonder, mystery, spirituality, celebration.
 - A worship or focal point with cross, candles and other items to support the theme.
 4. Children should be punctual and enter the hall quietly, ready for contemplation.
 5. A two year overview has been developed (see attached) using: the development of Christian values; Christian celebrations through the year; our RE agreed syllabus; seasonal aspects of awe and wonder.
 6. The Head, Reverend and teaching staff will plan an overview for the term (issued at beginning of term). Liason with the Rector occur termly. The assigned class teacher will also liaise with 'Open the Book' members regarding each weekly assembly. Annotations are welcome to the overview and the school council will be encouraged to evaluate or comment.
 7. All RE resources are clearly labelled in boxes in the hall. The Agreed Syllabus is on the Shropshire Learning Gateway.
 8. The Head and Reverend will monitor and evaluate collective worship.
 9. Parents have the right to withdraw their children (as detailed on the website).

2 Year Cycle:

Year	Autumn	Spring	Summer
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A	Hope Humility Going For Goals	Justice Forgiveness Good To Be Me	Compassion Truth/Trust Relationships
B	Respect Thanks New Beginnings	Courage Friendship/Peace/Harmony/Together Getting on and Say no to Bullying	Responsibility Creation Changes

Termly Overview

(initial suggestions: please amend as appropriate)

Week	Theme
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Half Term	
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