



Learning Together, Aiming High, Proud to be Ourselves

POLICY NAME: Collective Worship Policy

DATE ADOPTED: 9th February 2021

DATE GOVERNORS AGREED POLICY: 9th February 2021

REVIEW PERIOD: 3 years

REVIEW RECORD: January 2024

Rationale:

Every School must by law, provide daily collective worship for all its pupils, with the exception of those withdrawn from these activities by their parents.

Assembly is a time when children gather together for a variety of purposes. It may be linked to RE but it may also be linked to any other subject or to any aspect of school life.

Aims

To provide an opportunity for children to:

- Worship God;
- Consider spiritual and moral issues;
- Explore their own beliefs;
- Explore the beliefs of others;
- To encourage participation and response;
- To develop a sense of community;
- To re-affirm, interpret and put into practice the common ethos and shared values of our school;
- To think about the needs of others;
- To develop a sense of quiet reflection;
- To promote spiritual, moral and cultural development.

Content

Assemblies are broadly Christian based with the inclusion of the other faiths and festivals represented in Great Britain and in our school. We conduct our worship in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school.

The themes often link with our Core Value of the term, Religious Education, Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education, British Values and other topical events at the school. Stories, poems, drama, puppets, artefacts and music are used as a stimulus for collective worship. We sing and have a prayer or a thinking time. Music plays as the children enter and leave the hall. Children are encouraged to actively participate in the act of worship.

Organisation of Collective Worship

School assembly takes place in the hall. Monday is a whole school assembly led by the Head teacher or the Deputy Head teacher and Friday is a Celebration Assembly. Class assemblies take place in classes in addition to this during the week.

Parents are invited into school to see class sharing assemblies. This is an informal occasion to celebrate and share learning from the term. This is held in the classroom.

We have guest speakers who visit the school e.g. The Christian Youth Organisation, local charities.

Every Friday we have a whole school Celebration Assembly, where one child is chosen from each class to receive a certificate and be placed in the “Golden Book”. The teacher from each individual class chooses the focus for the certificate. We also use this time to celebrate sporting achievements.

Resources

A range of books, some written specifically for Collective worship, are available in the Deputy Head's room, alongside Core Value Resources. There are a selection of CDs and song books kept in the school hall.

There are also links to collective worship websites such as <https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/>

Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher will monitor and review the policy and practice of collective worship.

Other issues

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from the daily act of worship.

Ratified by Governors: Signed.....