



Great Missenden Church of England Combined School

Collective Worship Policy

Psalm 100 Verse 2:

“Worship the Lord with gladness; Come before him with joyful songs.”

As a Church of England School our collective worship is based mainly on Christian principles however, we aim to fulfil our Mission Statement; “to reflect the multi-ethnic nature of society and ensure that we offer positive attitudes to all people.”

In offering an invitation to our children, from all backgrounds, to participate in a Christian community, we endeavour to provide a real experience of God’s love for all humanity. Children not only learn about religion but they experience it as a living tradition. Collective worship plays a major part in fulfilling this.

The Three R’s

Pupils and staff are expected to attend acts of worship but **respect** is always shown for each individual’s faith. We recognise the legal right of parents to withdraw their children from acts of worship; however, we would encourage parents to discuss their concerns with the Head teacher before withdrawing their children.

Staff, through collective worship, will encourage pupils to become **reliable** and **responsible** citizens who are true to their own beliefs whilst being tolerant of other people’s ideas and views.

Aims:

- To highlight the partnership between collective worship, including its content and conduct, and the ethos of the whole school;
- To involve the staff and pupils in the development of a whole school ethos, sharing together in worship to support the promotion of Christian values;
- To give the pupils the opportunity to reflect individually on spiritual issues;
- To demonstrate our commitment to ecumenism by welcoming visiting speakers and local clergy, involved in different aspects of religion.

Planning:

- In planning collective worship it is necessary to take into account the range of ages in the school, from 4 – 11 years;
- Planning will be organised within the broad traditions of Christianity which underpin whole school worship and smaller group worship;
- Planning will include themes of worship for the year based on the PSHE programme of study – SEAL. These themes will be flexible in order to respond to daily needs in the school; (appendix 1)
- Planning will be in general accord with the diocesan policy;
- Planning will follow the timetable below;

Monday Whole School worship led by the Rev Rosie Harper.

Tuesday Dedicated to learning Christian songs and hymns to be used during assemblies of the week and services at the end of term, conducted in key stages.

Wednesday Whole School “Well Done Assembly” to praise and acknowledge the achievements of the children.

Thursday Small group assemblies in year groups or key stages taken by class teachers.

Friday Whole school assembly, taken by members of senior management. KS1 with Foundation or one year group at a time will visit St Peter and St Paul’s church, when it is not a class assembly.

Recording

Themes for the weekly assemblies and content are recorded on the staffroom notice board.

KS1 and Foundation keep a file as a record of their Thursday small group assemblies and their visits to Church.

Examples of all other assemblies are recorded in an Assembly file through photographs and/written records.

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Appendix 1

First Year

Autumn term

New Beginnings

Getting on and falling out

Spring Term

Going for goals

Good to be me

Summer Term

Relationships

Changes