

Collective Worship Policy
Winmarleigh CE Primary School

Aims

Collective Worship should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

worship, and grow in the knowledge and love of God;

consider spiritual, moral and social matters;

consider and explore their own beliefs;

participate and respond especially in prayer;

develop a loving community spirit, promoting a common ethos of shared Christian values and reinforcing positive attitudes.

Collective Worship and Assembly are different and distinct. Collective Worship occurs daily, placing the day into God's hands, and sustaining the children and staff spiritually. Assembly celebrates/rewards achievements, and notices are given out. The whole School meets together on a Monday morning, but worship and prayer are not limited to daily acts of worship. Opportunity is taken to pray and reflect collectively throughout the day, especially before lunch and at the end of the afternoon session. Each class has an interactive reflection area in their classroom which reflects their current RE theme.

Our daily act of Collective Worship is within an Anglican ethos and tradition. It carries a broadly Anglican message, in accordance with our Mission Statement and conforms to Blackburn Diocesan Policy. It usually takes place in the school conservatory, in the plantation, in the classrooms - all environments which encourage worship, prayer and reflection.

Care is taken to provide:

a suitable focal point, visual or musical, which emphasises that it is time for worship;

a coloured runner on the altar which reflects the current Church season;

Candles that represent the Holy Trinity

music which is played before and after worship.

Where possible an appropriate powerpoint prepared by staff or pupils.

The worship programme is based on 'Values for life' – The school have chosen values with the governors, staff and parents. This was part of a Values day in February 2017.

The values are:

Hope - Wisdom – Friendship – Courage – Trust – Truthfulness – Perseverance and Respect

Worship is led by members of staff, the Reverend Gary, Reverend Gillian, visitors and members of the Pupil Ethos Team.

The last Wednesday in each month hosts a Worship in St Luke's church at the end of the school day to which parents/carers are invited. The School also meets in St. Luke's Church to celebrate major Christian festivals and parents/carers and Church members are encouraged to join us.

Worship is regularly reviewed and evaluated by the Headteacher, governors, parents, staff, pupils and visitors.

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship, after discussion with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors.

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