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St George's CE Primary School, Chorley

Collective Worship Policy 2023

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Primary School
Collective Worship Policy**

Our Vision Statement

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Aims

- To provide a spiritual and meaningful experience for all.
(This will be achieved through the creation of the right atmosphere and the right attitude - eg burning candle/ calm music/ quiet reflective time)
- To ensure all experience worship in order to foster a sense of community, shared values, identity, perception, outlook and purpose.
(This will be achieved through sharing in worship, through listening to the stories, through times of reflection so we can be determined and confident)
- To provide a quality learning experience related to the child's own experience.
(This will be achieved through language, art and music)
- To share and learn about Christian festivals, holy days and events in the Christian church calendar.
(This will be achieved through the visits from the clergy, lay persons, services in church and celebrating festivals and seasons)
- To provide an opportunity for the children to participate in a variety of spiritual activities.
(This will be achieved through song, music, dance, drama.)
- To provide an opportunity for prayer, quiet contemplation, reflection and meditation.
(This will be achieved by using different forms of prayer and guided meditation.)
- To provide different forms of worship taking into account the differing developmental stages and the variety of experience.
(This will be achieved by providing opportunities for church, class, year group and whole school worship)



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- To provide opportunities for denominational worship.
(This will be achieved by involvement of the incumbent, the use of prayer book collects and responses.)
- In all aspects of worship to honour God we will ensure that our worship is scriptural, spiritual, intelligent, meaningful, reverent, educational and reflects our denominational foundation and our School's Theologically Rooted Christian Vision.

Organisation of the worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship. This is a cycle of: a whole school worship (led by a member of SLT), a clergy led worship which is Eucharist service once per half term, a class worship (led by the class teacher), a Prayer, Praise and Picture News Worship (led by a member of SLT) or a celebration worship (led by Ethos Group).

Please see the Staff Handbook for detail on specific days and leaders.

Further to the daily worship, each class will take part in one Wednesday morning service at St George's Church per year. The whole school is also invited to the services for Back-to-School Sunday and Education Sunday, annually. The festivals of Christmas, Harvest and Easter will be celebrated in church and in school, with one class leading the celebrations.

We take our themes of our worship from the Understanding Christianity Concepts and our Christian Values:

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Understanding Christianity Concept	People of God	Incarnation	Gospel	Fall and Salvation	Kingdom of God	God and Creation
Christian Value	Achieving and Persevering	Thankfulness (Good Manners)	Incarnation	Forgiveness	Self-Control	Peace

Content

To ensure variety, maintain interest and allow it to achieve its full potential and impact, the leader of the worship will consider the best method for achieving the aim. E.g

- The spoken word – story, poetry, personal experiences, bible readings
- The written word – quotations



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- The sung word – hymns, songs, chants
- Visual stimuli – pictures, posters, artefacts, religious objects, slides.
- Music –all types
- Silence.

In addition to the usual pattern of worships, we occasionally invite people from other denominations, people of other faiths and people from our linked High Schools to participate in our worships.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body are responsible for ensuring the worship is carried out as stated in this policy. The subject leader is responsible for the policy, the organisation and the themes to be used in discussion with the vicar, head teacher and staff.

The leaders of the worship are responsible for adhering to the policy.

Resources

The resources are located in the Resource Room. The subject leader can provide further help in location of suitable materials. We use the Good News version of the bible and the Children's Bible, both of which are readily available in school. Class teachers use Roots and Fruits 1 and 2 as a basis for planning weekly class worship. See half termly planning, provided by the subject lead, for details.

Procedure for the parents' right to withdraw children from worship

The Worship and Religious Education provided by the school is in accordance with the Church of England or Methodist Church Foundation. This foundation is also reflected in the curriculum and the whole life of the school community. Since the conduct of the school as a whole reflects the Church of England or Methodist Church ethos, removal of pupils from Worship and/or Religious Education (as parents are legally entitled to do) cannot insulate them from the religious life of the school.'

If such a request for withdrawal is made, the Headteacher should explore the reasons for the request and seek to arrive at an accommodation. It may be that only some elements of Religious Education or Worship are objected to.

Parents may request the governing board to provide Religious Education for their children according to the locally Agreed Syllabus. This can only be requested when parents cannot, with reasonable convenience, arrange for their children to attend another school where



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Religious Education is provided according to the locally Agreed Syllabus. The governing board should make provision unless the circumstances make it unreasonable to do so.

Should the governing board be unable to make such arrangements for Religious Education to be delivered according to the Agreed Syllabus, the responsibility for doing so then falls on the Local Authority. The Local Authority may decide that such a request for separate Religious Education is unreasonable and the parental request then fails.

Monitoring, evaluation and review

Collective worship will be monitored by the Collective worship subject leader with the aid of the incumbent and head teacher. Collective worship is also monitored by Ethos Group on a half termly basis.

The policy will be reviewed on an annual cycle.

Collective Worship Subject Leader: Naomi Harrison

This policy was reviewed and amended on 18th July 2023

The policy is to be revised in July 2024

This policy should be read in conjunction with other school policies, including the RE policy.



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