



ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

This policy has been written with our schools Christian vision in mind.

'Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith and your purity'. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Through adopting this policy we intend to provide children with a high quality, regular opportunities for children to reflect and consider bigger questions in order for them to flourish and live life in all it's fullness.

Aims

- *To provide the opportunity for those taking part in worship to identify, affirm and celebrate those ideals and values that are of central importance to them as individuals and as a school community*
- *To provide a stimulus for spiritual development by enhancing the sensitivity of pupils to aspects of the world around them, including a sense of order in their experiences, a sense of dependence on the natural world, a sense of continual change, a sense of relationship with others, a sense of right and wrong, a sense of the mystery inherent in life and a sense of God*
- *To give a feeling of identity in school and the responsibilities we have for one another, for our community and those in the wider world*
- *To promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith*

Nature of Collective worship

All acts of worship will be wholly Christian. The acts of worship will also ensure a balance between themes which are specifically Christian and themes which would be shared with other faiths. Worship will allow time to reflect upon values and respond to them. It will recognise and celebrate positive values.

Daily arrangements for worship

Collective worship will be provided through whole school assemblies and class assemblies. The daily act of worship takes place usually in the hall. Classes often lead assemblies to which parents are sometimes invited.

Assembly responsibilities:

Monday afternoon	Whole school	KS1/2 teacher led
Tuesday afternoon	Whole school	Teacher / Visitor
Wednesday morning	Whole school	Teacher/Class Assembly
Thursday afternoon	Praise through Singing	Music Teacher
Friday morning	Whole School Celebration Assembly	Mrs Bray

The act of worship will usually contain a song plus a relevant reading and prayer.

The children are taught and regularly say the school prayer and the values prayer.

The phrase 'hands together and eyes closed' is often used to help the children develop a feel for a time for reflection.

Stories are used to help create interest, establish empathy, encourage understanding and develop skills of interpretation, as well as amuse, entertain and edify.

When sacred books are used they are treated with respect and their value to believers demonstrated.

Themes will be planned using the SEAL framework and Christian values. This will be evaluated through staff meetings.

Atmosphere for worship

At the beginning of an assembly a candle will be lit and the words "We light this candle to remind us that we are here to worship God". At the end of 'Worship' the candle is blown out and any notices can be relayed. Generally the atmosphere encouraged will be conducive to meditation and reflection although at times of celebration and thanksgiving it may be less formal.

Resources

Books are bought and updated as required. The school has copies of the Cornwall Syllabus.

Special acts of worship

Services at Festival times may be taken by the children, parents, friends and visitors and the community are invited to join us. Special celebrations may be held at Kenwyn Church.

This school is firmly committed to equality and diversity.

Other than within the limited exceptions allowed for in legislation - this school will not discriminate against children or with regard to how pupils are treated, on grounds of sex, race, disability, religion or belief. This includes discrimination in provision of teaching or allocating the pupil to certain classes, applying different standards of behaviour, dress and appearance, excluding pupils or subjecting them to any other detriment, and conferring benefits, facilities or services.

Four Year Cycle of Themes for Collective Worship

One of our schools Christian values will be focussed on each half term. These are Hope, Courage, Compassion, Trust, Joy and Friendship.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
New beginning	New Beginning	Hopes	Give one's best
Creation	Listening	Guidance	Praise
Environment	Rules	Autumn	Loyalty
People we depend on	Courtesy	Authority	Harvest
Harvest	Harvest	Harvest	Self-discipline
Rules	Unselfishness	Opportunities	Bullying

Leadership	Influence	Gifts	Harvest
Music	Praise	Our School	Respect
Advent	Courage	Conscience	Remembrance Sunday
Christmas	Needs	Loyalty	Working together
Epiphany	Music	Media	Forgiveness
Humility	Leadership	Hands	Courage
Responsibility	Advent	Advent	Advent
Treasure	Christmas	Christmas	Love
Respect	Traditions (New Year)	New Year	Christmas
Honesty	Winter	Winter	Epiphany 12 th night
Temptation	Landmarks	Communication	Resolutions
Helping others	Industry	Choices	Helping others

Signed
(Chairman of Governors)

Dated 13.11.19

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(Headteacher)

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Agreed by the full governing body on the 13.11.19
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