



# CHARSFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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# **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves all children and staff of the school coming together and participating in collective worship. We expect everyone to take an active part in the collective worship.

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that collective worship should be of a broadly Christian character, we usually base our collective worship on the teachings of Christ and traditions of the Christian Church. However, we conduct our collective worship in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school.

## **AIMS**

The aims of collective worship are to:

- provide an opportunity for the children and staff to worship.
- enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues.
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs.
- encourage participation and response.
- develop in children a sense of community spirit.
- promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes.

## **ORGANISATION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school. This forms part of each whole school morning collective worship.

We conduct collective worship in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that collective worship is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We expect children to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully to the teachings and are invited to participate in prayer, reflection, and hymns. We use lighted candles and/or music or other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of all children.

All teaching members of staff conduct collective worship; in addition, there may be the occasional visiting representative of a variety of Christian denominations.

We follow a two year rolling programme focussing on the Values for Life themes such as; forgiveness, hope and service. The Collective Worship Programme also gives pupils the opportunity to reflect upon the festivals and events of the Christian calendar such as Christmas, Lent and Easter. Themes from the school curriculum or topical events can also form themes for collective worship.

Collective worship can reflect the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in collective worship by showing their work to the other children and parents. These take the form of a Parents Collective worship, which

occurs regularly throughout the school year. These offer an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school.

They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued, and all achievements are recognised. Parents attending these assemblies help to foster a common spirit and are a practical demonstration of the way home and school work together. We welcome governor's attendance at our collective worship at any time. Parent and church assemblies are co-ordinated by the Head of School at Charsfield.

### **RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL**

We expect all children to attend collective worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act. The Head of School keeps a record of all children who are withdrawn from collective worship.

### **MONITORING AND REVIEW**

The Head of School and Foundation Governors are responsible for monitoring and reviewing this policy.

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

During the course of the year, we have a number of special services in the church – Harvest, Christmas, Easter. We ask either the Rector or Lay Elder to lead these services.

At the end of the summer term, we hold a Year 6 Leavers Service in the church, which is led by a person authorised by the church (a Leavers Celebration is also held in the school).

Collective Worship is held in church every 2/3 weeks and is led by either the Rector or Lay Elder. The children sing hymns for these occasions which are learned during collective worship.

### **IN SCHOOL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP LED BY LOCAL CHURCH COMMUNITY**

A representative from the Baptist Chapel runs occasional collective worship at Charsfield.

## Collective Worship Timetable

All collective worship takes place between 9.20am and 9.45am in the hall/classrooms or in church. In addition, the Rector or Lay Elder lead collective worship every other week in Charsfield Church.

Day	Teacher leading collective worship	Theme
Monday	Head of School	Celebration
Tuesday	Led by Teacher	Themed
Wednesday	Church / Baptist Church / Class Teachers	Bible/Weekly theme
Thursday	Led by Teacher	Themed
Friday	Led by Head of School	Themed

Collective Worship Themes – Two Year Rolling Programme (Values for Life themes are in **bold** and are the main focus in our collective worship).

Term	Year A	Year B
Autumn	<b>Creativity</b> <b>Respect and Reverence</b> British Values: Mutual Respect Remembrance (11/11) <b>Friendship</b> (anti bullying week, Children in Need) Advent/Christmas (Class 1 Nativity)	<b>Hope</b> <b>Generosity</b> <b>Perseverance</b> Remembrance (11/11) (anti bullying week, Children in Need) Advent/Christmas (Class 1 Nativity)
Spring	<b>Compassion</b> British Value: Individual Liberty <b>Peace</b> British Values: Tolerance <b>Service</b> Easter	<b>Truthfulness</b> <b>Humility</b> <b>Forgiveness</b> Lent/Easter
Summer	<b>Courage</b> <b>Thankfulness</b> <b>Wisdom</b>	<b>Forgiveness</b> <b>Justice</b> British Values: Rule of Law and Democracy <b>Trust</b> <b>Responsibility</b>