



Goodrich Church of England Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY- 2016

1. **REQUIREMENTS**

According to the 1944 Education Act collective worship is a legislative requirement. This was reformed in the 1988 Education Act to allow for collective worship at any time of the day. Our collective worship usually takes place in the afternoon and is broadly Christian.

2. **PRINCIPLES**

- a. Our Collective Worship is a time of sharing, belonging and valuing:
 - i. spiritual warmth
 - ii. worship
 - iii. reflection
 - iv. awe and wonder
 - v. all forms of achievement
- b. It takes place in a safe and secure setting.
- c. Our collective worship enables all pupils to feel part of the school community, which is essential for personal development and spiritual growth. It is a small but important part of life's jigsaw map that helps to form life-long values and meaning to life's ultimate questions.
- d. Collective worship enables pupils with specific Christian and other faith commitments to be involved in a meaningful experience for all, allowing the individual to respond in a genuine way and enabling worship in the spiritual sense to occur.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION**

- a. At the arranged time, all classes with their teacher and/or teaching assistant walk quietly and sit in the hall.
- b. Generally, we sit in class lines with the youngest children at the front and the oldest children sitting on benches. However, in response to pupil voice we find opportunities for children to sit in mixed age groups and in different arrangements.
- c. We have a half-termly focus on a TIPTOP Learning Behaviour and the Christian Values it links with.
- d. Collective worship usually involves singing and enjoying hymns the children have learnt.
- e. Collective worship always concludes with a prayer or moment of reflection. Our vicar leads us in prayer and response when he visits or leads collective worship. The pupils also say daily prayers in class.
- f. Sometimes the children will lead collective worship selecting both the hymn and the prayers and at other times they are asked to assist the adult leading the worship.
- g. All parents/carers are invited to join the school in collective worship every other Friday and at particular times throughout the school year including school services at St Giles Church.

4. **RIGHT TO WITHDRAW**

- a. We are a Church school and as such we follow the Anglican nature of faith and practice in the Church of England. However, if any parents wish to withdraw their child from collective worship arrangements would be made.

5. **SOCIAL, MORAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

- a. Collective worship supports P.S.H.E. development through the school, particularly concerning the moral, social and cultural development of the children.
- b. It also contributes to other parts of the curriculum and vice-versa, particularly R.E.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- a. Equal opportunities are respected. Everyone's opinions, beliefs and practices are valued and handled with sensitivity.
- b. Children with SEN and EAL are supported to ensure that they can engage in whole school Collective Worship.

Collective Worship Themes 2016/2017

	ACHIEVE	BELIEVE	CARE		
	TIPTOP Learners	Christian Year	Christian Values Focus	Colour Theme	SMSC & British Values
Autumn 1	Thoughtful	Harvest	Humility, compassion and thankfulness.	Green	Mutual Respect
Autumn 2	Organised	Advent & Christmas	Peace	Purple	The Rule of Law
Spring 1	Perseverance	Epiphany	Endurance	White	
Spring 2	Team player	Lent & Easter	Trust, friendship and forgiveness.	Green Purple White	Tolerance
Summer 1	Independent	Pentecost & Ascension	Wisdom	Red Green	Individual Liberty
Summer 2	Pioneer		Hope	Green	Democracy