

Ireleth St Peter's CofE Primary School (ISP)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY



Aims of Collective Worship:

Collective Worship will reflect the school's Christian Foundation and its care for all within the school and wider community. Our aims are:

- ✓ To provide opportunity for children to worship God through, stillness, reflection and prayer;
- ✓ To promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development;
- ✓ To enable pupils to explore their own beliefs;
- ✓ To encourage participation and response;
- ✓ To celebrate the values of our Christian community, including the promotion and sharing of the gifts and talents of our children;
- ✓ To promote a common ethos, with shared values, and to reinforce positive attitudes;
- ✓ To teach children how to worship;
- ✓ To develop respect for, and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of other religions and cultures;
- ✓ To provide a range of opportunities for worship within the community.

Collective Worship

Worship will follow a planned programme of themes and respond to issues within the school, community, national and international events. Every month, we focus on a different value:

Month	Value
September	Friendship
October	Hope
November	Peace
December	Joy
January	Justice
February	Love
March	Perseverance
April	Service
May	Patience
June	Responsibility
July	Thankfulness

The school will visit St Peter's for acts of worship throughout the school year and to celebrate Christian festivals.

The school's collective worship will be based on the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Christian Faith. While most acts of worship in our school are Christian, we also hold worship that reflects the traditions and celebrations of other religions to encourage sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others.

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Acts of Collective Worship will promote positive attitudes and approaches to and sometimes challenge negative views of multicultural education, PHSE and equal opportunities.

Organisation of Collective Worship

Day	Time	Staff Member	Worship Content
Monday	9:00-9:15am	Mrs Saunders	Value of the month
Tuesday	9:00-9:15am	Mrs Kidson	Value of the month
Wednesday	9:00-9:15am	Miss Jackson	Church Visitor/Hymn Practice
Thursday	9:00-9:15am	All Staff	Class Worship
Friday	2:45-3:05pm	Mrs McFarlane	Praise Worship

We hold a daily act of Collective Worship. All acts of worships are highlighted on class timetables. A visitor's worship is taken on a weekly basis and is delivered by local clergy and other representatives from different religious denominations.

Wherever possible all staff will attend Collective Worship. The teachers will be timetabled to deliver collective worship once per week.

Children are actively involved in leading worship and are encouraged to take responsibility for main parts of the worship (e.g. read prayers, role play, organise music and hymns).

Over a period of time there is a wide range of styles, content and format, including an emotional range from quiet reflection and joyful exuberance.

We take the themes of worship from the traditions of the Christian Faith and we observe the festivals and mark the events of the Christian calendar. The theme of the worship may be related to the topic that we are teaching as part of the whole school curriculum or will relate to current news and international events.

Each month there is a Worker of the Month worship that parents and family members are invited to attend. We encourage their attendance through newsletters and Class Dojo. This aims to promote community spirit, celebrating the children's achievements.

Governor's attendance at Collective Worship is always welcomed.

Right of Withdrawal

We expect all children to attend Collective Worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be withdrawn from religious worship, and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during that part of the day. Parents do not have to give their reasons for their request. The right of withdrawal complies with the 1944 Education Act, and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act. The Headteacher will keep a record of all children who have been withdrawn from Collective Worship.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring the policy and practice of Collective Worship is the role of our named Governor Reverend Ruth Crossley, who is also responsible for Religious Education. Monitoring takes place with Headteacher. Teaching staff and pupils evaluate Collective Worship.

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This policy will be reviewed annually

Signed: *RE McFarlane*
Rachael McFarlane
Headteacher

Date: 02/09/2021

Signed: *Ruth Crossley*
Reverend Canon Ruth Crossley
Ex-officio, Chair of Governing Body

Date: 02/09/2021

Review Date: September 2022