

'Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day'

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Rationale

- To allow time during the school day for children to reflect upon spiritual or moral issues separate from ordinary school activities.
- To comply with the legal requirements of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 – “all pupils in a maintained school shall on each school day take part in an act of collective worship”.

Aims

For the pupils:

- To respond to the worship offered
- To consider the importance of prayer, meditation and silence
- To consider the relevance of ideas and beliefs to their own lives
- To think about the needs of others and develop a sense of community
- To appreciate the importance of religious beliefs to those who hold them
- To re-affirm, interpret and put into practice the values of the school
- To celebrate the various achievements of members of the school.

Content

The majority of the acts of collective worship each term should be “wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian belief”. (School Standards and Framework Act 1998). Themes for collective worship are selected from:

- Topics arising from work in class
- Festivals
- News items
- School events
- Response to particular situations as they arise in school e.g. bullying.
- Links to British Values, with the collective worship each week being given a specific British Value where applicable.
- Links to Rights Respecting schools

Organisation

Provision is made in the following way:-

- Monday:** All years in hall- Special events/visitors
- Tuesday:** Years 3 and 4 in hall
Years 5 and 6 in class bases

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| Wednesday: | All years in class bases |
| Thursday: | Years 3 and 4 in class bases Years 5 and 6 in hall |
| Friday: | All years in hall-Celebration/ certificates |

Acts of worship in the hall are held from 2.40 – 3.10 on Mondays, and 2.20 – 2.50 on Fridays. Assemblies in class bases are held at different times depending on the needs of the year group. Sometimes, the classes are put together for a whole year assembly.

Implementation

The Head of School, Deputy Head, RE lead and class teachers are responsible for leading services and visiting speakers may also be invited. Collective worship, whether in assembly or in class bases, will:

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- Include a variety of elements at different times
- Involve the pupils

Meeting Individual Needs

Acts of worship are non-denominational and due regard is taken of pupils' age, aptitudes, family backgrounds and different religious beliefs.

Management

It is the duty of the Head of School & Executive Head (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) – and the Governing Body – to see that these arrangements are carried out.

Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their children. Teachers have the right to withdraw from collective worship. This right also applies to Head Teachers who have the duty of seeing the law is complied with, but are not required to take part in collective worship.

The school remains responsible for the supervision of any child withdrawn from RE or collective worship, unless the child is lawfully receiving RE, or taking part in collective worship elsewhere.