

DUNNINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Collective Worship Policy

The Collective Worship Policy at Dunnington C.E. Primary pays due regard to statutory requirements and has taken account of the guidance offered by the Diocesan guidelines.

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is when the whole school, or groups within the school, meet together in order to consider and reflect on common themes and issues.

It offers an occasion in which to worship, through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Worship in church schools must reflect Church of England principles and the Anglican heritage on which the school is founded. We follow these guidelines in accordance with the school Trust Deed. However, we also recognise that we live in a multi-faith society and for this reason our Worship will at times, reflect other faith traditions.

Collective Worship differs from 'assembly' in that an assembly is simply a gathering together of people, whereas the 'worship' is a special time for prayer and reflection within the assembly session. In our school the beginning and end of worship is indicated by the lighting and extinguishing of a candle.

Aims

The aims and purpose of Collective Worship are:

- to promote a common ethos which reflects our shared Christian values
- to enable participants to consider spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues
- to provide a time for silence and quiet reflection
- to enable participants to explore their own beliefs
- to develop in all participants a sense of community
- to provide an opportunity for the children to worship God
- to celebrate achievement and special times
- to provide the opportunity to explore the world in which we live

Guidelines

We have formed a school Worship Group comprising children from KS2. This group meets with the SIAMS coordinator to discuss, plan and deliver school worship.

The SIAMS Co-ordinator also liaises with local clergy and lay readers. The worship themes are based primarily on the Christian calendar, whilst also celebrating the festivals of other faiths.



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National and Global events and British Values/SMSC links are also included in the planning. Music, songs, prayers and reflection all link with this theme and these are displayed on our hall Worship Board.

Each term, the school focuses on one Christian value and this overarching value feeds into all worship and into the everyday life of the school.

The Christian value is displayed through a central hall display and we reinforce this through games and activities on the school website, thus making links with home.

Each class also has its own Reflection Corner based on the Christian value. This value, along with British Values through SMSC, form the basis for weekly class worship and daily Reflection/Prayer. In this way, we aim to place values at the core of our curriculum and to fully embed them into the everyday life of the school.

Acts of worship are either whole-school, separate key stage or class based.

Worship is led by staff, children, clergy from the Anglican and Methodist denominations and a local Christian group, YOYO.

School services are held in the local Anglican Church at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and at the end of Summer term for the Leavers' Service.

We conduct worship in a calm and respectful way where appropriate behaviour is the expectation.

Music is selected to create a suitable atmosphere and is linked to each Worship theme.

A period for quiet reflection is built into the act of Worship. Children are invited to pray or sit respectfully to reflect.

There is a focal point of a cross, prayer book and candle.

Monitoring and evaluation

The School council, Worship Group, Link Governor, clergy and staff evaluate the effectiveness of Worship and to offer suggestions for future themes and the delivery of Acts of Worship.

Formal observations of worship have been made by the Headteacher, SIAMS Co-ordinator, senior leadership team and Clergy and Y6 pupils.



*Growing and learning together and aiming to be the best that we can be,
in an environment based on Christian values.*

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Our Diocesan Advisor has advised us on ways in which to develop our Worship and these ideas are constantly being reviewed and carried through.

Right of withdrawal

Any parent can request permission for their child to be withdrawn from an act of Worship. Should such a request be made, the parent will be invited to discuss the matter with the Headteacher, in order that necessary arrangements are made and to ensure that all the practical implications of withdrawal are appreciated.