



Cartwright & Kelsey Church of England
Primary School (Aided)

Collective Worship Policy

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Lead member of staff: Head Teacher

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Mission Statement

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Introduction

Our collective worship policy strengthens and supports the Christian identity of our school, reaffirms our values and celebrates the contribution that each child makes to our community. Worship will reflect the variety of traditions found in the Church of England, and will recognize and follow the Christian liturgical year. The daily Christian act of worship is central to our ethos and is supported by staff and governors.

Aims

Collective worship at Cartwright and Kelsey Church of England Primary School will support the school's Mission Statement, by providing opportunities for students and staff:

- To develop an awareness of God through Christian belief and liturgy
- to reflect on values that are of a broadly Anglican Christian tradition, whilst recognizing the validity and importance of other Christian denominations, religions and belief systems
- to consider spiritual and moral issues
- to reflect on their own beliefs
- to develop an enquiring mind and express and explore their own views openly and honestly
- to develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- to foster an awareness of the world around them and a sense of their place within it
- to develop a respect for and an understanding of different beliefs
- to develop a sense of belonging to the school community

Planning

The school is a Church of England Aided School and it has a statutory duty to arrange for a daily act of worship to take place.

The Headteacher will provide a yearly and termly plan that will include special events in school and links to the cycle of the church's year. Where possible, links will be made to other curriculum areas. Staff, visiting clergy and the worship leaders (Lighting the Candle

Group) will be involved in the planning of daily worship. Collective Worship records will be completed by Year 6 pupils but overseen by the adult leading the worship.

Delivery

- Staff will lead Collective Worship as appropriate.
- The Church are invited to take part in Collective worship on a regular basis.
- The Church and visiting speakers will be invited to develop themes from the termly plan.
- We will aim to create an appropriate setting and atmosphere for worship, using music to create a mood and candles to provide a focus.
- We will use a variety of music, prayers, stories, drama, puppets, discussion, film clips, poetry, PowerPoints, artefacts etc.
- We will aim to ensure pupils and staff feel fully involved during the act of worship.
- Time will be allowed during each Worship for reflection/silent prayer.
- Collective worship will nurture spirituality
- Services will be held in church at key points in the church year.

Organisation

Collective worship can take place at any time of the school day and in any regular school grouping e.g. whole school, key stage or class. Children must take part in collective worship unless withdrawn by parents.

The arrangements are as follows:

Monday: Whole School worship (Head teacher)

Tuesday: Whole School worship (Class teachers)

Wednesday: Whole School worship (Singing praise)

Thursday: Whole School worship (Church/Visitors)

Friday: Celebration Assembly (SLT)

Monitoring, Evaluation & Review

The school will review this policy bi-annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

Worship will be monitored termly by the SLT, RE leader, children and Governors.

Equality of Opportunities Statement

All policies are screened to ensure that Cartwright and Kelsey Church of England Primary School gives 'due consideration' to equality of opportunity for all, irrespective of race, gender and disability.

Parental Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their child/children from acts of collective worship on grounds of conscience. However, as collective worship is central to our ethos so we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this decision with parents.

Date of validation..... Signed.....

Chair of Governors

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