



Lytham Church of England Primary School

Mission Statement: to inspire everyone in our school family to be the best they can be, within our caring, Christian community.

Policy for Collective Worship

Introduction

This policy was written in consultation with teachers and governors. It sets out the policy for Collective Worship at this school and how we interpret the legislation set out by the Government.

We comply with the 1988 Education Reform Act and the Education Act 1993

‘Collective Worship in schools should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Worship God
- Consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs
- Encourage participation and response, whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to and joining in the worship offered
- Develop community spirit
- Promote a common ethos and shared values
- Reinforce positive attitudes’

Definition

At Lytham Church of England Primary School Collective Worship is an important part of our school day when we come together for the common purpose of worshipping God and developing our school family life in the context of Christian traditions.

Worship draws on our identified Christian Values of Love, Determination, Faith, Forgiveness, Friendship, Honesty, Respect, Service and Thankfulness and is rooted in the Bible and the teachings of Jesus. The children are encouraged to respond in a variety of ways, appropriate to their family background, age, abilities and interests.

Aims of Collective Worship

- To be inclusive, relevant to the children’s age and experience and foster a sense of community, shared purpose and Christian Values
- To be educational, reflect the school ethos and contribute to the development of the whole child whilst celebrating a range of achievements
- To be spiritual, provide a space for reflection, offer a sense of occasion and introduce children to a spiritual dimension of life
- To be creative, offering opportunities for drama, music, singing and storytelling along with opportunities for worship in different places eg outdoors, in church
- To be delivered by a range of different people, including staff, clergy, children and visitors

Planning, Organisation and Recording of Collective Worship

- The deputy Headteacher has overall responsibility for planning and organising Collective Worship, in consultation with children, staff, SLT and clergy
- Children, staff and clergy share the responsibility of delivering Collective Worship
- A Long Term Plan, drawn up by the DHT, includes the Christian Value for each half term, along with the theme for Worship
- The Long Term Plan takes account of the Anglican tradition, the church year, global Christianity and other world faiths

- A Medium Term Plan shows weekly objectives and identifies staff leading worship each day
- The children in each class have the opportunity to lead worship once during the year. Parents of those children are invited
- Under the guidance of the Children’s Worker, children in the Puppet Worship Teams and Bible Craft Club lead termly worship to which parents and governors are invited
- Under the guidance of the Year 6 teacher, House Captains lead worship for their House each term.
- Under the guidance of the Headteacher, children in the Worship Team plan and lead worship fortnightly.
- Worship Evaluations are completed by classes on a cycle and monitored by the DHT
- Class teachers keep a record of class-based worship in their Scrap Book

Practical Arrangements

Monday	Whole School	HT/Worship Team
Tuesday	Sung Worship	DHT
Wednesday	Class Worship	Class Teachers
Thursday	Whole School	Clergy
Friday	Celebration and Blessing	Teachers (see rota)

We welcome visitors into school to lead worship. Blackpool Schools’ Youth Work lead worship each half term, and we have other visitors on an occasional basis.

At key dates (Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Y6 Leavers) acts of worship are held in St John’s and St Cuthbert’s Churches. Where these are not during the school day, it is expected that families will attend these occasional services.

The clergy from St John’s and St Cuthbert’s lead worship on alternate weeks, following the planned themes.

Worship includes a wide variety hymns and songs, both modern and traditional. The children are explicitly taught these at our weekly Sung Worship.

Statutory Duty of School

The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the Governing Body. Daily collective worship must be of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the head teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Withdrawal

Parents may ask for their child to be totally or partially withdrawn from Collective Worship in accordance with the Education Act. They are advised of this right in the School Prospectus and asked to consult the Head Teacher to make arrangements. No reasons have to be given, but discussions with parents over the issues concerning withdrawal are recommended in Circular 1/94. Staff also have the right to withdraw. No pupils or staff are currently withdrawn.

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