

Castle Primary School

Collective Worship Policy



REVIEW DATE: November 2024

The aim of this policy is to outline:

How the school meets its legal requirement providing a daily act of collective worship for its pupils. This must be broadly of a Christian nature but not reflecting any particular denomination.

We also recognise and value the cultural diversity of our students. In times of reflection pupil's can consider issues in the light of their religious beliefs or reflect upon their own thoughts and feelings.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from a daily act of worship. This is outlined in our school prospectus.

Aims

- To use collective worship as a vehicle so ensuring that children understand the spirit of Christianity and of other world religions.
- To reinforce a sense of community and cohesion through things that we share in common.
- To reflect upon issues concerning belonging to a school community, the local community and to the wider world community.
- To support our pupil's in the development of spiritual, moral and social perspectives.
- Provide time to consider the values and beliefs of others and their own.
- Support pupils in their exploration of feelings and responses at a personal or collective level.
- Provide opportunities to celebrate achievement and share times of celebration.
- To enable pupil's to begin to formulate their own views and responses to ethical issues.

How collective worship is experienced here at Castle:

- Marking the celebration of a broad range of religious festivals
- Providing an opportunity to think about their beliefs and those of others
- Providing a moment for reflection
- Input from visiting speakers
- Responding to national, international and local events
- Using a range of stories, religious and secular, to illustrate events.
- Examples from noteworthy lives
- Supporting charities
- Providing opportunities to think about dilemmas and issues encountered.

Forms of Collective Worship

- Whole school assemblies
- Class assemblies
- Celebration through song
- Key stage and class assemblies
- Celebration assemblies
- Open The Book Assemblies
- British Values Assemblies

A member of the SLT will be responsible for arranging the daily collective worship, its monitoring and annual review.

This policy is reflective of the R.E. policy and P.H.S.E.