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Collective Worship Policy ***“Growing Together in God’s Love”***

Rationale

At Pattishall C of E Primary School, we understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves pupils and staff coming together and participating in a daily gathering. In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that collective worship should be wholly or broadly of a Christian character, we base our collective worship on the teachings of Christ and traditions of the Christian Church. However, we aim to conduct our collective worship in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs, or lack thereof, of all members of school.

Collective worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Pattishall CE Primary School, and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can;

- Share common aims and values
- Celebrate achievement and special times
- Explore together the world in which we live
- Develop a community spirit

Aims for Collective Worship

The aims and purpose of Collective Worship are;

- To provide an opportunity for the children and school community to worship God
- To enable the children and school community to consider spiritual and moral issues
- To enable the children and adults to explore their own beliefs
- To encourage participation and response
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes
- To introduce different ways of worshipping

At Pattishall CE Primary School, collective worship is very important to our life and work as we offer the distinctive contribution of a Voluntary Controlled Church School. We provide an opportunity for children and staff to worship in contemporary and traditional Christian styles, which is consistent with the traditional beliefs and practices of the Church of England.

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Practicalities of Organisation

We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school. This forms part of each morning assembly. The format for these is agreed annually. We conduct collective worship in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that worship time is special thinking time for calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect them to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully to the teaching and invite them to participate in prayer and songs. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and a cross and candle that acts as a focal point for the attention of the children.

The Senior Leadership Team conduct collective worship and members of the Methodist Ministry or Holy Cross Church come in to lead Worship throughout the term. This brings greater variety to our worship times and strengthens links between school and the local churches. Parents are invited to class collective worship and other special services e.g., at Harvest, Armistice, Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year. We welcome governors' attendance at our collective worship at any time.

Other opportunities for prayer and reflection are given at lunchtimes and in classes. Worship opportunities are also offered to staff, children and their families as we attend services: e.g., Armistice, Christingle, Education Sunday and end of year services in Holy Cross church.

Content

A plan of themes is produced annually reflecting Christian values, taken from resources 'Roots and Fruits' and 'Assemblies for the School Year'. We also factor in the 9 protected characteristics, British Values and global issues.

We also consider and reflect on the festivals and special times of the Christian calendar as well as the festivals and special times of other world faiths. A daily record is kept of all acts of worship, recording the children's responses and prayers.

We also hold collective worship that reflects the achievements and learning of the children on a Friday (to which families are invited) as well as celebrating our Values in Practice (VIP Awards). We encourage the children to participate in collective worship by showing their work to others and sharing issues that they have discussed in their classes. Collective worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued, and all achievements recognised.

We use an eclectic mix of traditional and modern music in our daily worship.

Resources

We use a range of resources to deliver Collective Worship:

Roots and Fruits, Imaginor

Assemblies for the School Year

Picture News Collective Worship

BBC Teach Assemblies [Primary School Assemblies for KS1 and KS2 - BBC Teach](#)

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BBC Teach Songs [Assembly Songs - BBC Teach](#)

Evaluation, Monitoring and review

It is the role of a named governor to monitor the policy and practice of collective worship, including gathering pupil voice. This governor liaises with the head teacher before reporting to governors on collective worship.

Right of Withdrawal

We expect all children to attend Collective Worship, and we discuss this with parents at the time of admission. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with current legislation. The Head Teacher keeps a record of any children who are withdrawn from Collective Worship.

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