

GREAT CROSBY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

“... that they may have life and have it to the full” John 10:10

Great Crosby Catholic Primary aims to make the school a place where the Gospel values of our Lord Jesus Christ are taught, lived and experienced, where prayer and celebrations are integral to life and where religious growth and development are stimulated within the total curriculum to which all can contribute and from which all can gain.

To achieve this aim the school will:

Great Crosby will take into account the Religious and educational needs of all who participate

Who?

- Those who form part of the worshipping community in church
- Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of church
- Those from other Christian traditions
- Those from other Faith backgrounds

Why?

- Provide collective worship opportunities for pupils and staff to come together to worship God
- Lead the children and staff to participate in appropriate and well prepared liturgies and assemblies
- Safeguard time for reflection and stillness in class, individual and groups
- Bring whole school together, governors, parents, staff, and children to celebrate informally
- Organise formal celebrations of the Sacraments as joyful family occasions
- Actively develop through the many aspects of the curriculum a spirit of awe, wonder and reverence for God’s creation
- Encourage children to share at daily prayer times both formally and informally

Where?

Classroom, in the open and church

“...Where two or three meet in my name I am there among them.” Mt. 18 : 20

When?

Organisation of Collective Worship

Weekly timetable in Key Stage 1 and EYFS:

Day	Time	Year Group	Leader
Monday	10.00 – 10.25am	F 1 / 2	Member of the SLT
Friday	Weekly	Star of Week	

Weekly timetable in Key Stage 2:

Day	Time	Year Group	Leader
Monday	9:15- 9:45	KS2	Member of SLT
Friday	9:15-45	whole school	Member of SLT/ TLR

Weekly, 'Star of the Week' Each week, two children from every class are chosen to be the 'stars' of the week. The categories range from good manners to curriculum achievements. 'Stars of the Week' must be chosen every Friday and names and certificates given to the Head Teacher. Worship and thanksgiving is a central part of these celebrations.

How?

At Great Crosby Collective worship provides a variety of experience which include:

- Can be led by pupils, staff or visitors.
- Provide a focus using artefacts, candles, symbols, music, pictures and create the appropriate atmosphere
- Encourage appropriate entrance and exit to gatherings
- Ensure the theme, focus delivery, length and resources are appropriate to the age and actively encourage all to participate
- Welcome the clergy and those with other ministries, into school. We work constantly with the parents and the parishes to build up effective formal and informal links between Home, Parish and school.

Planning of Worship:

- To be planned with references to Church's seasons, significant dates, Come And See topics, children's interests and current happenings
- Planned in consultation with colleagues, RE Team and references to school aims and policies

Evaluated and Monitored

- By SLT, RE Team and children through pupil voice this is ongoing
- Throughout the school calendar actively seeking variety of Collective worship experiences

Recorded

- Through collections of pupils contributions, photographs, and prayers
- Keep record of themes and groupings
- Plans are kept as appropriate

Resources:

Each classroom has a collective worship box. RE team hold additional artefacts and are centrally available