

Stanton-in-Peak C of E (VC) Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Statutory duty

This policy has due regard to statutory guidance. Our Collective Worship is in accordance with the trust deed of the school and the legal requirements set out in the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that, "Collective Worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character which means that it reflects the broad traditions of Christian belief".

Introduction

Collective worship is central to the life and purposes of Stanton-in-Peak C of E Primary School and is fundamental to the development of its Christian foundation, vision, values, and ethos.

In our school our Christian vision shapes all we do:

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This vision is from the parable 'The Lost Sheep' as told in the book of John. The story tells of Jesus Christ, as the Good Shepherd, appears as the guide, the protector, the healer and shepherd of his sheep, who need spiritual food, healing, care and mercy. It tells how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, was glad to give his life for his us all so that we can to find their way towards spiritual healing. Our vision is that by living through God's Christian values we (God's flock) will flourish and be able to live 'Life in all its fullness'.



We value the history of our school and its strong Christian foundation. We strive to preserve and develop the religious character of our school following the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at Parish and Diocesan level. The School aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. We aim to encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promote Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

The aim of Rowsley C of E Primary School is to nurture the spiritual development of each child in a caring atmosphere that demonstrates and advocates the Christian values and attitudes that underpin the foundation and ethos of the school. Our children's spiritual and moral development is strengthened by our values, giving our children the confidence that they can make a positive difference to their own lives and community.

Purpose of our Collective Worship

- To Worship God.
- To positively contribute to the spiritual and moral development of the children and staff.
- To teach and promote strong British values and Christian values within a caring atmosphere
- To ensure the Christian Values and School Vision underpin the foundation and ethos of the school
- To offer pupils and staff opportunities to explore the Christian faith in various ways.
- Develop a community spirit, a common ethos, and shared values within the school vision.
- To provide pupils and staff with an opportunity to experience stillness, quietness, joyfulness and laughter.
- Encourage respect for other people's religious beliefs and practices.
- To provide a reflective and worshipful atmosphere in which pupils and staff can experience some of the various ways in which people express awe, wonder, reverence, joy, and sorrow.
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Respond to the worship offered
- Pray or have time to reflect about things that matter to them
- Celebrate!

The Statutory Duty of the School

All maintained schools provide a daily act of Collective Worship.

The organisation of Collective Worship may change from year to year, but currently is organised in this way:

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| ● Monday: | Christian Values through biblical stories (whole school) |
| ● Tuesday: | Singing/Hymn Practice (whole school) |
| ● Wednesday: | Christian Values with Father Tony (whole school) |
| ● Thursday: | Christian Values (Picture News)(class worship) |
| ● Friday: | Celebration Collective Worship (whole school) |

Collective Worship is held daily from 2.40pm – 3.00pm. We want to give the whole school a shared experience to reflect on throughout the week.

The Headteacher is responsible for arranging the daily Collective Worship in consultation with the Governing body. Collective Worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of all the pupils.

Collective Worship in foundation schools with a religious character and voluntary schools will be in accordance with the school's trust deed. Where provision is not made by a trust deed, the worship should be in accordance with Derby Diocese guidelines, Section 48 inspection findings, and the RE agreed syllabus.

Implementation

Collective Worship is held on a daily basis and lasts for 20 minutes. Collective Worship will include:

- Lighting of the candle
- Liturgy: The Lord be with you... - *And also with you.*
- Focus of the Collective Worship
- Lord's Prayer
- School Prayer (written by the year 6s)
- Liturgy: Go in peace, to love and to serve the Lord. - *In the name of Christ, Amen.*
- Extinguishing of the candle

Collective Worship is fully inclusive and acceptable to the whole community, staff, and pupils. Collective Worship also provides opportunities to share elements of the school vision, address issues within the school and celebrate pupil's achievements. Children are encouraged to be active participants in Collective Worship. Worship may also take place outside school e.g. in the school grounds or local churches.

Prayer

Prayer Children are invited to participate in prayers although this is not compulsory and should be handled sensitively by the adult leading Collective Worship if a pupil chooses not to participate.

Children can contribute to prayers in school by writing in their class prayer book. With the child's permission they can be shared in class Collective Worship.

Collective Worship Group

Collective Worship group is made up of pupils from KS1 & KS2 who would like to contribute and present Collective Worships at our school. We feel it is important for our children to be involved in decision making and the creation of new Collective Worship traditions in our school.

Visits and Visitors

All outside speakers/visitors participating in Collective Worship sessions at Rowsley Primary School are made aware of the appropriate school policies and this policy in particular. Guidance is provided in how to deal with sensitive and controversial issues that may be raised by children and appropriate support and induction into the school routines is also given. All visitors have staff support when delivering Collective Worship.

All visits and visitors are arranged after consultation with the Collective Worship Coordinator and/or the Headteacher and Governing Body as appropriate and require the necessary DBS and Risk Assessment documentation to be completed prior to the visit.

Arrangements for recording, monitoring and evaluating

Collective Worship Feedback from staff and children is encouraged regularly. Children have the opportunity to respond to every collective worship should they choose to by collecting a feedback form at the end of worship. Governors are asked to monitor collective worship and feedback to the governing board

team. Members of school council and worship group are asked to attend meetings when feedback is given, if it is appropriate to do so.

Parental right of withdrawal from Collective Worship Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. If a parent wishes to consider this option, the head teacher should be approached. This is reiterated in our prospectus.