



ALL SAINTS C.E.PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

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Curriculum

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The Collective Worship Policy at All Saints CE Primary School follows the guidance of:

- Circular 1/94 Religious Education and Collective Worship
- Hammersmith and Fulham LA Guidelines on Collective Worship in Maintained Schools

Collective worship is the joining together of the whole or part of the school community in an act of celebration, prayer, reflection and fellowship, reflecting the ethos of the school and the traditions of the Church of England.

ERA (1988) and the Education Act (1993) state that acts of worship may contain certain elements drawn from a number of different faiths, but that within each term, the majority of acts of worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. There are occasions when other faiths are the focus during collective worship, for example, festivals, holy days etc.

The Aims of Collective Worship

- To develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- To promote spiritual, cultural and moral development
- To provide the opportunity for pupils to experience worship of God
- To allow pupils to reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- To enable pupils to gain insights into ways in which people express themselves within their faith commitments and to be sensitive to those different ways of responding
- To consider spiritual and moral issues
- To contemplate something of the mystery of God
- To reinforce positive attitudes
- To respond to and celebrate life

Principles

At All Saints school, assemblies and collective worship occasions are based on the principles that they should be:

- Inclusive (unless parent withdraws a child)
- Educational
- Spiritual

Acts of collective worship also contribute to the moral, social and cultural development of children. They are seen as special times where pupils can feel secure and relaxed and share with others to foster a feeling of community.

The Law

The Head Teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1988) for arranging the daily act of collective worship after consulting with the clergy.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child(ren) from acts of worship.

Supervisory arrangements are made for children who are withdrawn from collective worship. Staff, equally, have the right to withdraw from collective worship.

Planning

Assemblies are planned on a half-termly basis to follow themes which promote spiritual, cultural and moral development. They include examples from various religious cultures and are linked to the calendar of religious festivals for the year, with broad links to SEAL themes. These themes are related to:

- Religious events
- Special days
- Special events in the life of the school
- Topics being undertaken

The themes planned enable the pupils to reflect on matters of importance and offer them the chance to respond through a variety of activities, songs, music making, hymns, drama, role-play, the visual arts, silent thought, prayer and discussion.

The School Worship Committee, made up of pupils from KS2, play an active role in the planning of assemblies together with the Headteacher and a member of the clergy.

Assemblies

- Are organised and arranged to develop a sense of occasion
- Pupils are expected to enter and leave quietly
- When the pupils are in the hall, they sit in class groups on the floor
- Music is played at the start and end of the assembly from a variety of sources
- A candle is lit by one of the pupils and a welcome offered: *"The Lord is here"* responded to by the rest of the gathered pupils: *"His Spirit is with us"*.
- A hymn or appropriate song relevant to the theme of the week is sung.
- Parents and members of the local community are invited at regular intervals each term to assemblies; visiting speakers are always welcomed.

Whole school assemblies take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

KS specific assemblies take place on Thursdays.

School collective acts of worship may also take place in the Parish church or at other relevant locations on special occasions.

The majority of assemblies last for a period of 15-20 minutes.

Monday Music assembly

Tuesday Whole School Assembly
Led by Headteacher or Deputy Head 11.00-11.15 a.m.

Wednesday Led by a member of the clergy
11.00-11.15

Thursday KS assemblies
Led by classes on a rota
EYFS & KS1 10.30
KS2 11.00

Friday Led by Head Teacher
11.00
Celebration of work for all classes

The Nursery class takes part in Assemblies on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

