



Our aim is as simple as **ABC**

Achieving, Belonging, Caring

'Be courageous, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go' Joshua 1:9

Collective Worship Policy 2019

We are proud to be a truly inclusive Church school and we aim to help our children develop as individuals, combining academic achievement, good pastoral care and spiritual development.

Our Christian Values are an integral part of the character of our school and are reflected in the daily life and work throughout the day.

We guide the children's moral and spiritual development in a way that reflects the school's Christian foundation.

Through excellent teaching we give each child access to an appropriate, broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.

We provide a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are happy, enabled as learners and fulfil their potential.

Collective Worship at Cubbington C of E Primary School

The daily act of collective worship at Cubbington C of E Primary School plays a central role in our life and work. It offers important opportunities to strengthen our school and local community and reinforces the respect and care that we have for each other.

Through collective worship we make a significant contribution to the religious, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of those present. We want all children to achieve well, feel that they belong and are cared for while caring for others.

In line with our statutory duties our Collective Worship is mainly Christian and is based on the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Christian Church. However, we conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to the faiths and beliefs of all members of the school.

The purposes of our Collective Worship

- to provide an opportunity for children to worship God;
- to offer experiences and opportunities for children to explore aspects of worship and encourage the development of a spiritual dimension of the child's life;
- to teach the value of reflection and introduce children to prayer;
- to encourage participation and response;
- to develop in children a sense of community spirit;
- to provide opportunities to explore a range of social, environmental and interpersonal issues within a moral framework, to enable them to make a more considered response to them;
- promote a common ethos, with shared values, and to reinforce positive attitudes;
- to celebrate the major festivals in a way that is appropriate to the faith/no faith backgrounds of our pupils

The aims of our Collective Worship

- to affirm our identity as a Church of England school;
- to be inclusive, encouraging a sense of belonging;
- to celebrate being part of God's world;
- to celebrate diversity in race and culture;
- to provide time for silence, stillness and reflection;
- to invite children to share and develop their personal faith experiences;
- to enjoy a variety of forms of worship;
- to affirm and reflect Christian values and principles.

The organisation of our Collective Worship

We plan our Collective Worship based on a 3 year cycle of Christian Values, focusing on one value per half term. These form the basis for all Worship across the week and allows for the personal interpretation of any member of staff, group of children or visitor that is leading worship.

We also incorporate key events from the calendar where appropriate, including Thank your Vicar week and special days linked to charities and cultural events.

This ensures a continuity of Personal, Social and Moral provision and development alongside that of Spirituality and influences many areas of the curriculum and a range of activities.

We also recognise and celebrate major religious festivals as appropriate.

We allow for flexibility and spontaneity within this framework to support further development of particular areas of interest, or to address issues that may arise.

The weekly pattern of our Collective Worship

Monday	Whole school Collective Worship led by Reverend Graham, Open the Book or an Assistant Head.
Tuesday	In Key Stages led by teaching staff on a rota basis
Worship Wednesday	The focus is on Worship through music and includes opportunities for children to plan and lead all or some aspects of Worship
Thursday	In Key Stages led by the Key Stage Leaders and includes children's achievements and rewards from within school and out of school
Friday	Whole school Collective Worship led by the Head teacher and members of the Worship Team. Special visitors and other assemblies

The participation of children

We encourage children to be actively involved in the planning and delivery of Collective Worship. Children of different ages are able to plan the Collective Worship in different ways. This might include; reading or writing of prayers, telling or acting a story to illustrate a key message; choosing of music and hymns; drawing, designing or researching information for the Worship Table or display. We value the views of children and encourage them to evaluate Collective Worship in order that we make the experience as meaningful as possible.

Conduct and Expectations of our Collective Worship

We conduct Acts of Collective Worship in a dignified and respectful way. We ensure that children understand that this is a time for calm reflection and we expect them to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet, thoughtful and respectful, encourage them to listen carefully to the teachings and to participate fully in prayer and hymns. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and lighting the candle as a focus point.

Resources

The focus for Collective Worship in the school hall is the Worship Table. The resources on here change frequently depending on the Christian Value being explored. There is always a collection of Bibles, a candle and some prayer books. The prayers that the children have written are collected in a Special Prayer book and added to regularly. These prayers are used in Collective Worship and at other times in the day .e.g. Governors meetings.

Children are encouraged to bring in and share their personal Bibles, Prayer books and other relevant resources. These are displayed on the Worship Table or as part of the frequently changing wall displays.

A range of stimuli are used to support exploration and understanding of the Christian Values and other themes in Collective Worship. These include; Bible stories, passages and extracts; stories and music of different genres and from different cultures and faiths; visual art; dance and drama; puppets.

Right of withdrawal

We welcome children of all faiths at Cubbington C of E Primary School and hope that all children are involved in Collective Worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from religious worship and we will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during that part of the assembly. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for their request. This right of withdrawal enables us to comply with our statutory duties.

Monitoring and review

The monitoring of this policy, and the daily act of Collective Worship, is the responsibility of the Head Teacher in partnership with our Church clergy and the Foundation Governors who report back regularly to the Full Governing Body. Governors are always welcome to attend Collective Worship.

This policy will be reviewed every three years or more frequently if needed to respond to any new guidance.

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