



Olveston CEVC Primary School Policy for Collective Worship



AIMS

To provide collective worship in class and assembly which is consistent with the faith and principles of the Church of England. Staff are encouraged to lead and support acts of worship and children are encouraged to take part in assemblies.

OBJECTIVES

1. To help children develop a sense of awe and wonder through being inspired by the beauty, mystery and power of the natural world, including human achievement.
2. To provide time and opportunity for reflection on personal and wider issues of life.
3. To provide time and opportunity for thanksgiving and sharing.
4. To help children explore feelings and emotions such as beauty, injustice, aggression, truth and love.
5. To help children recognise and value each individual's worth as well as developing respect for others and their beliefs, through the development of sensitivity, understanding and tolerance towards others.
6. To help children develop standards and values e.g. self-discipline. To develop these standards into an appreciation of the codes and conventions of conduct agreed by society.
7. To give children the experience of being active members of a caring community and an understanding of what it may be like to be a member of a faith community.
8. To increase understanding and consideration of better relationships by promoting the virtues of honesty, courage, friendship and forgiveness.
9. To help children develop a knowledge and understanding of Christianity, its impact on people's lives and its importance on society and cultural heritage.

10. To stimulate the children's curiosity so as to allow reflection on the fundamental questions of life and to consider religious and non-religious responses to these.

Delivery:

An Act of Collective Worship will take place every day. The time at which this takes place and the form of the Collective Worship (whole school, team or class groupings) may vary from day to day.

Every child will take part in the Act of Collective Worship unless withdrawn by his/her parents/guardians.

The Headteacher & Deputy Head will keep a record of all Acts of Collective Worship themes.

Whilst fully complying with the law, the school will be sensitive to the fact that not all children will come from religious families.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy regularly and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

CONCLUSION

Collective worship should help the children to develop an awareness of oneself in terms of thoughts, feelings, emotions, responsibilities and experiences.

Collective worship seeks to promote awareness of others in our community and of wider world issues, as well as highlighting the beliefs and values of a cross-section of people living in a multi-cultural society.

This policy should be read in conjunction with our RE policy & PSHE policy.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POLICY AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP LIES WITH THE FOUNDATION GOVERNORS OF THE SCHOOL.

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