



Collective Worship Policy

Mission Statement

Our school seeks to be a happy place, with a welcoming atmosphere, built on mutual respect with confidence and understanding between parents, children, staff and governors.

All policies are governed by our Christian School Values which were chosen by all members of the school community: Trust, Forgiveness, Friendship, Thankfulness and Peace. These values underpin the daily diet of the whole school community.

- All members of the school community are **trusted** by all those within the school community to deliver the very best for the children in all that they do.
- Things will go wrong. There is a quiet acceptance of this deployed throughout the school and the opportunity to move on and learn from this, demonstrated through the value of **forgiveness**.
- All members are **thankful** for the community to which we belong and demonstrate this accordingly. Learners appreciate the hard work that teachers put in to the marking of work to progress learning and realise potential.
- We learn in **peace**. We accept that we all learn in different ways and have different needs that require accommodation.
- We learn in **friendship**; supporting each other to achieve to our very best potential at all times.

Aims:

It is the aim of Hartlip School to create a true sense of importance, reverence and relevance to every act of Worship. It is endorsed as the most important time in every school day. The Christian School Values are applied and mentioned in every act of worship. It is the intention that worship is meaningful to daily life and that attendees apply what they have learnt to peaceful living in the school community.

Every member of the school community is expected to attend Daily Worship. This models its importance. The exceptions are the staff on duty (playground) and any child whose parents have expressed their intention for children to be removed from this Daily Worship.

Staff have reviewed the planning of Daily Worship. Whilst the Diocesan Plans are still used as a point of reference, staff plan around seasonal themes, current affairs and personal interests.

The Worship Council meet on a Monday and plan their involvement for the week. Children are encouraged to lead prayer spontaneously in Church Worship.

Rationale

The daily act of Collective Worship in Church schools must be Worship, Christian and Denominational. Our Policy addresses this in the following ways:

Worship

A structure is provided which helps to maintain a regularity and familiarity both for those leading the worship and for the school community participating in it. It should be familiar to those from your local church(es) who assist in leading worship.



- **Gather:** The leader is asked to provide music/a visual stimulus for the children as they arrive in to Worship to set and focus the scene.
- **Engage:** the leader is invited to use their own creativity to deliver the theme/message.
- **Respond:** children are invited to respond to the message
- **Send:** the leader is invited to 'send' the children out to the community to apply the message that has been received again either to a piece of music or a visual reflection

Christian

All acts of worship have a Bible story or Bible passage at their heart. Key ideas and key teaching from Christianity are always the focus. The intention is that the ideas should be developed with this in mind.

In a Church school, teachings and ideas from other faith traditions are best explored in RE or in a separate assembly rather than as part of an act of Christian worship. In this way, the celebrations and practices of everyone can be valued and shared appropriately.

Denominational

Elements of Anglican liturgy have been incorporated into the framework in the form of biddings, blessings and a variety of prayers. The shape of the Church's Year is reflected throughout the terms as follows

- Term 1 – Harvest
- Term 2 – Advent and Christmas
- Term 3 – Epiphany and Lent
- Term 4 – Easter
- Term 5 – Pentecost

Each term includes a number of saints and notable Christians whose commemoration days fall during the particular period according to the Church's calendar

Worship follows this timetable:

Monday: Praise Through Music
Tuesday, Wednesday: Worship
Thursday: Celebration Worship
Friday: Church Worship

Singing:

Why sing?

Singing in Collective Worship brings the whole community together, adults and children in a single activity. It can be enjoyable and uplifting and its role might be defined as:

- bringing pupils into an awareness of the presence of God, or providing the opportunity for this to happen
- allowing for an active offering of worship, a response to God, from both the individual and the community
- planting important lessons and ideas, and teaching Christian truths
- bringing worship alive, enabling everyone to enjoy it and have fun
- sending the community on their way rejoicing and with a sense of purpose

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Signed (Chair of Governors).....

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