

Christ Church New Malden

Church of England Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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	Signed	Date
Headteacher		30th March 2021
Chair of Governors		30th March 2024

1. Mission Statement - Becoming the people God made us to be.

United in love and learning Christ Church New Malden Primary School aims to provide a distinctively Christian education built upon Jesus Christ through a community in which:

- Faith in Jesus is actively displayed and nurtured
- Every member of the school is enabled and encouraged to fulfil their unique potential through working hard and growing more fully into the person that God made them to be
- Forgiveness, love and respect are particularly emphasised in all relationships, including those with other cultures and religions
- Care for every aspect of God's creation is modelled and encouraged
- God's rule over the world is extended through the school bringing more of his love to New Malden and beyond

1. Aims for Collective Worship

To enable the school community to become the people God made them to be through providing opportunities to:

- express praise and thanksgiving to God through singing and prayer
- reflect on who Jesus is and his love for us
- understand what the Bible teaches us and reflect on how this applies to our lives
- promote and affirm Christian values and attitudes
- share each other's joys and challenges
- sing, pray and give praise and thanksgiving to God
- encourage respect, unity, forgiveness and love
- celebrate special times in the Christian calendar
- deepen spiritual thinking
- unpack the school's Christian vision

Acts of Collective worship are Christian and centred around the Bible, although festivals of other faiths are sometimes included in the Collective worship themes.

2. Collective worship impact

The Collective Worship contributes to:

2.1 Anglican tradition: Services are held in Christ Church to celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year. A service is also held to welcome new members of the school community at the start of the school year. Liturgy is sometimes used in Collective worship and each hall has a cross, candle and other artefacts to provide a focal point.

- 2.2 Pupils' spiritual development:** Opportunities for prayer and reflection are given at times of Collective worship, but also before lunch and at the end of the school day. Each site has a prayer box for children to write their own prayers and opportunities for prayer activities. Each classroom has a reflective area to allow children time to reflect in a busy day
- 2.3 Social, moral, spiritual and cultural education, (SMSC):** collective worship provides opportunities for particular aspects of this including: the chance to share from each other's cultures, to hear about charity projects and find out how we can support them, for pupils to lead and share with each other in expressing their spiritual lives and understanding.

3. The Programme of Themes

The Deputy Headteacher is responsible for planning themes for Collective Worship each term. The themes are often linked to relevant aspects of school life. The programme includes Christian festivals and special days linked to other faiths.

4. Content of Collective Worship

Staff and visitors use a variety of methods in Collective Worship. These include: interactive storytelling (often using visuals and artefacts); drama; music; video clips; learning memory verses from the Bible; offering times for reflection and prayer.

5. Resources

The Collective Worship plan for each term includes a variety of resources to help staff in their planning. More recently these have included links to websites (Barnabas in Schools, Spinnaker Trust, The Assembly Line) and the use of published resources (A Teacher's Dozen, A-Cross the World, The Lord's Prayer Unplugged, Who Comes First). A budget is allocated for RE/Collective Worship resources and CPD.

6. Special Occasions

The school celebrates special events in the life of the Christian Calendar and the school. Church services are held to celebrate Harvest, Christmas and Easter. In addition to this a Welcome Service is held at the beginning of the school year to welcome Reception children and their families to the school. The children are presented with a Bible story book chosen by Year 6 children. A Leavers' Service at the end of the school year is held for Year 6 to reflect on their time at Primary School, and for other children to reflect on the year they have just completed. Year 6 are presented with a Bible, Leavers' Book and Certificate. Year 2 are given a book about the Lord's Prayer to mark their moving from Infants to Juniors. The whole school community is invited to these services.

A *Thank You* assembly is held at Christmas to allow the children time to thank the adults who work with them. All adults involved in the school, whether paid or volunteers, are invited.

Children are actively involved in these special occasions by reading, singing, praying, acting, playing in the orchestra or singing in the choir.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

The impact of Collective Worship is monitored by members of SLT, Governors and the RE Subject Leader. Observations are made and the impact of Collective Worship measured through discussion with children, particularly the Faith Group.

8. Inclusion

Worship is planned and led so that all pupils have equal opportunity to take part in worship and to benefit from that experience.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship as identified in the Education Act 1944 and in subsequent legislation. Christ Church New Malden Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School where Christian values and principles underpin the whole curriculum and the experience of daily worship by the whole school community is an important part of school life. In order to preserve the distinctiveness of this church school community, we encourage everyone to be involved in the religious education and collective worship. Parents who have concerns about this should discuss them with the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher before their children are admitted to the school.

Appendix 1

9. Leadership and Weekly Pattern

Collective Worship is at the Infants is held at 9.10am each day, and the Juniors at 10.15am. The format for the week is as follows:

- Monday - Deputy Headteacher
- Tuesday - Singing Assembly
- Wednesday - Clergy or staff from churches in New Malden
- Thursday - Open the Book (they perform stories from the Bible on a 3 year cycle)
- Friday - Celebration Assembly - Headteacher

Appendix 2

COVID

The restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic have meant that collective worship has had to adapt. We have created video assemblies and followed the following pattern:

- Monday - Deputy Headteacher
- Tuesday - Music Assembly - children watch songs and join in with songs with body percussion
- Wednesday - Eils (and Geoff the puppet) have produced weekly assemblies
- Thursday - Open the Book - each class takes turns to produce a video of an Open the Book.
- Friday - Celebration Assembly - Headteacher - each teacher records their own certificates.

As restrictions ease, we need to consider how we use the combination of videos and all the children being in the hall.