



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Statutory Duty of the School

Schools are required by law to provide daily Collective Worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents.)The governing body should make sure that parents know of their right to withdraw their children from RE and collective worship.

Aims and purpose

- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues
- To enable children to explore their own beliefs
- To encourage participation and response
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes
- To provide an opportunity for children to worship God

Collective Worship

Collective Worship at Riverside is in line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that collective worship should be 'Wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'. Furthermore children at Riverside are made aware of the fact of the 'specialness' of Jesus to Christians. Collective worship may also draw on elements from a range of other faiths in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school and wider community. Assemblies are regarded as a special time for the children to come together in a dignified and respectful way.

Collective worship provides an opportunity to develop community spirit and promote the school's ethos and shared values as well as reinforce positive attitudes.

Where staff are not involved (as is their right) they must not take any action or make any comment that brings the act of collective worship into dispute.

The governing body see the act of collective worship and the teaching of RE as important parts of the spiritual and moral development of all pupils and key elements in the development of respect for others, integrity and honesty.

Organisation of collective worship

Day	Time	Venue and leader
Monday	10.10	Whole School Assembly with Collective Worship led by Headteacher
Tuesday	10.10	KS2: Singing Assembly led by visiting singing teacher with collective worship led by class teacher KS1: Key stage assemble with Collective Worship led by class teachers
Wednesday	10.10	Key Stage assemblies with Collective Worship led by class teachers
Thursday	10.10	Whole School Assembly with Collective Worship led by Deputy
Friday	10.10	Whole school Achievement Assembly with Collective Worship led by Headteacher

*The first Monday of each term is led by the Christian group 'Family Trust' who deliver two assemblies, one for KS1 and the other for KS2.

Termly Themes

Term 1	School's ethos/values/issues	How might the school's aims/motto be translated/reinforced by various themes in collective worship?
Term 2	Religious festivals/celebrations	Harvest, Diwali, Hanukah, Christmas & Advent What are the key areas of beliefs and values that the festival concentrates on?
Term 3	New Beginnings	New Year's Resolutions, going for goals, good to be me, values, HOT questions, resilience, mind, body & soul
Term 4	Staying Safe	Stranger danger, e-safety, anti-bullying, safety in the garden & home, safe Summer/beach/sun
Term 5	Religious Beliefs and Teachings	Christian and other. What are the key themes underpinning Christian and other religious teachings?
Term 6	Community	Environment, people who help us, famous local people, charity events, citizenship, preparing for life, jobs

Sometimes the themes of our assemblies reflect and build on the topics that are taught as part of the school curriculum. Assemblies may include a variety of elements, such as music, drama, dance, reflection, poetry, biblical extracts and extracts from the other faith texts.

Right of withdrawal

All children are expected to attend assembly however parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. The school will make alternative arrangements for any child withdrawn. This complies with the 1988 Education Reform Act and the 1994 Education Act. The headteacher keeps a record of any child who is withdrawn from collective worship.

Evaluation and Monitoring and Review of Collective Worship

Through observation the headteacher, deputy headteacher and governing body will monitor, evaluate and review the implementation and delivery of this policy.

Inspecting Collective Worship

OFSTED inspection teams are required to see if statutory requirements are being met, and in particular, if collective acts of worship are of a wholly or mainly Christian character and provide time for reflection and quietness.

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