



Ruardean C of E Primary School

Love of Learning - Love of Life - Love of One Another

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Collective Worship Policy

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Policy Owner	Headteacher

Related documents:

- Spiritual Development Policy
- R.E. Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Vision and values statement

Rationale

The Instrument of government informs the policy and practice of collective worship in Ruardean Church of England Primary School. School worship is an affirmation and celebration of the Christian foundation values and ethos of the school.

Worship is central to the life and purposes of our school and will reflect the Christian understanding of God as Trinity. This will include belief in God the source of all being and life, belief in Jesus who reveals God's love by his life, death and resurrection and belief in the Holy Spirit who makes the presence of Jesus known in the world.

The school's vision statement is "**Love of Learning, Love of Life, and Love for One Another**". This vision is endorsed and supported by all staff and reflects the distinctive character of this Church of England school. We value our status as a Church School (Voluntary Controlled). Our School Community is

based on Christian values which underpin the spiritual and moral development of every child. Our vision statement is supported by our six core values: **Hope, Creativity, Responsibility, Friendship, Respect, Perseverance**. This set of core values were chosen by the whole school community, are central to our planned collective worship and are embedded in the life of the school.

Aims

Through collective worship in our school, we aim to:

- provide an experience of worship that will allow children to respond to the presence, power and peace of God
- introduce children to Christian language and symbolism and the cycle of the church year
- explore a variety of ways of praying and introduce children to some well-known Christian prayers, e.g. Lord's Prayer
- strengthen and support the school community giving expression to and reaffirming the Christian values of the school
- celebrate the gifts that each child brings to the school community, recognising the uniqueness of each individual made in the image of God
- encourage children to reflect on the puzzling questions that life poses and to respond to the wonder and mystery of the world around them
- foster a concern for others within the school and wider world
- foster an appreciation of the created world and an awareness of our responsibility for it.

Legal Framework

There must be a daily act of collective worship for all pupils which takes account of their age and aptitude. (Education Reform Act 1988). Parents have the right to withdraw children from collective worship and suitable arrangements should be made to accommodate these children. Since this is a church school however, worship is central to its life and work and is regarded as a very important part of children's education.

Organisation

Collective Worship is planned around the term's value.

- Monday: Whole school worship led by local clergy.
- Tuesday: Whole school worship led by Headteacher
- Wednesday: Whole school worship led by worship team.
- Thursday: Whole school sung worship led by a different year group each week.
- Friday: Celebration worship, to which parents are invited.

Teachers are sensitive to the need to respond to unplanned or spontaneous worship.