



Collective Worship Policy

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School Vision

“We shine like stars to achieve and make a difference in the world, knowing that with God, all things are possible.”

At Aspull Church Primary School the daily act of Collective Worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. Through this and our Christian Ethos, we seek to live out our theologically rooted School Vision.

The staff and governors at Aspull Church Primary School see the main purpose of the school as that of providing an excellent education both academic, social, moral, spiritual and cultural, in a Christian context for all its pupils.

Worship is at the heart of daily school life and acknowledges God as the heartbeat. It is a special time when the whole school comes together as a family to focus on God and collectively feel, listen to, experience, celebrate and share the heartbeat.

It provides an opportunity for the members of our school community to develop their own personal relationship with God and to discover God within their own heartbeat. Worship is organised as a class, Key Stage or as a whole school and is led by staff, visitors and children themselves.

Worship is planned around our Christian Values based on Faith, Hope and Love. Our Ministers meet with the Headteacher and Worship Team to plan Worship Themes and Reflection Questions. Worship begins with lighting the candle and a response from the children. A Cross is displayed at the altar. Each Worship is creative, prayerful and reflective. Our children are given opportunities to explore, encounter and experience prayer.

At the beginning of lunch hour and at the end of the school day, prayers are said in each class. The school has a Prayer Space in the wellbeing area. Children are encouraged to write short prayers and attach them to the tree.

The children have the opportunity to learn prayer responses from both the Anglican and Methodist traditions. Reflection questions are an important part of our Worship as well as daily opportunities for reflection.

Weekly Reflection time during Celebration Worship on a Friday, allows an opportunity for our children to express their thoughts and feelings about Worship and how this impacts on their daily lives.

They also have the opportunity to listen to stories from other faiths, observe special celebrations from other faiths and explore similarities and differences between faiths. Respect and tolerance towards other faiths is celebrated.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in the 1988 Education Reform Act 6 (1) and 9 (3) which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of Worship either as a whole school, class or group. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from the act of Worship either partially or wholly. Any Parents wishing to do so have the right to withdraw them from leading and taking part in Worship.

Other Faiths

Although our Worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values, we are committed to respecting each other's faith stance and culture showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs. The class-led acts of Worship may portray other cultures and beliefs as they reflect the RE studied as part of the curriculum requirements.

Visits and Visitors

As part of the curriculum, Aspull Church Primary School ensures that appropriate visits are made available for the children in order for them to have first-hand experiences and gain a greater understanding of various places of Worship. Visitors to the school are welcomed and enabled to share their experiences and knowledge - their role is to educate, not to evangelise. Both Aspull Methodist and St Elizabeth Churches are a valuable and frequently used resource, with the whole school attending and contributing towards Annual Harvest, Christingle, Education Sunday, Easter and Leavers Services.

Parents / Governors

- Children may be withdrawn from RE lessons at the wish of their parents. The Headteacher will ensure that suitable provision is made for such pupils.
- Reverend Richard is school governor and liaises to discuss Worship and effective church / school links.

Equal Opportunities and Special Needs Issues

All pupils regardless of academic ability, age, gender and ethnic origin will have access to a wide range of appropriate activities to support their understanding of RE at each Key Stage, the teacher will draw from other religions as appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate the religious beliefs of the children within their class.

Organisation

We aim to provide a variety of Worship experiences for the children. Our current schedule is as follows:

Monday Class Worship.

Tuesday	Whole school Worship led by the Church Minister or a member of the senior leadership team.
Wednesday	Sing and Praise. Whole school hymn practice with prayer and reflection time led by the Music Coordinator.
Thursday	Whole school Worship led by the Church Minister or a member of the senior leadership team.
Friday	Whole school Celebration Worship led by SLT.

In addition to this, visiting groups and individuals are welcomed into school regularly to lead Worship.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed regularly.