

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY



TURNERS HILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Turners Hill CE (Controlled) School

Collective Worship Policy:

General Introduction:

Turners Hill C of E School is committed to provide daily collective worship for all pupils as is statutory required: to reflect on and celebrate the values of the school, to re-enforce the values of the community and to show the importance of worshipping together.

This worship :

- is consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England
- encourages co-operation between the main Christian church in the village
- makes reference to the experience of other main faith traditions when appropriate.

The aims of the worship are:

- to introduce children to religious worship
- to encourage the development of children's spirituality and worship, particularly through a sense of awe and wonder
- to encourage and develop a sense of community in the school, by meeting together to re-enforce the aims and ethos of a church school
- to provide an opportunity to reflect on life
- to celebrate how our children are flourishing

Assembly and worship

The school holds daily acts of collective worship; these times also provide opportunity to celebrate birthdays, personal achievement, give time to share how we are flourishing and have a collective time to reflect on our spirituality.

Where possible staff aim to involve children in contributing to and participating in the acts of worship.

Collective worship is co-ordinated by the Collective Worship leaders (Ben Turney & Gemma Stone).

The Content:

The content of collective worship will vary, but will include:

- the lighting of the candle to symbolise that Jesus is the light of the world
- sharing of our Theologically rooted Christian Vision (through Makaton signing)
- an explanation of the subject area and how this is represented in the Bible
- the use of a bible reading
- the singing of a worship song
- a period of reflection
- prayers (a prayer reflecting the theme of the assembly and/or The Lord's Prayer)

A Collective Worship Call and Response prompt sheet (as detailed below) is kept in the hall as a reference:

Pupil Collective Worship Leaders, known as Worship Warriors (WW) are a group of Year 6 children responsible for supporting the adults leading Collective Worship. They have an active part in worship, managing the 'tech' (setting up the laptop ready for PowerPoints, Songs, Visuals) and more importantly lead the beginning of every worship welcoming the children with the calls and responses. Worship Warriors will also take part in various aspects of the worship, for instance sharing Bible readings/prayers, role-playing a bible story or moral scenario or holding props. Other pupils may also be used for readings, prayers and other interactive elements of worship at the discretion of the adult leading worship. All children should be encouraged to actively listen and become involved in questions posed through paired talk and feeding back to the lead. Reflection time, within worship, is another opportunity for all to participate.

Person/People Responsible	Act	Children's response
Adult Leader	Good morning (using sign)	Good morning (using sign)
WW	The Lord be with you	And also with you
WW	Light the candle	Jesus - light of the world
WW	Signing and saying our Vision – As each has received a gift, use it to serve, as good stewards of God's love. <i>1 Peter 4:10</i>	Children join in with this.
Adult leader	Introduce theme	
Adult or child, can be WW	Bible reading	
Adult (including the children with the reflection)	Talk including reflection	
Adult or child, can be WW	Prayer	
Everyone	Hymn / Song	
WW	Go in the peace of Christ	Thanks be to God

Children are encouraged to learn a variety of set prayers which include:

- The Lord's Prayer
- The Prayer of St Richard
- The School Prayer (Creed)
- A Grace

See Appendices A - C for further detail

Visual aids, including Christian symbols, and artefacts and those of other traditions when appropriate, are used.

Visitors are invited to contribute to collective worship on occasions.

Planning:

Themes are based around a key Christian value. The planned themes also incorporate the Christian calendar, moral teaching, school/national or other events, British Values; and where appropriate link to the RE curriculum. Collective Worship is organised and planned

termly, with links to Christian values included within this. Worship Warriors are involved in the planning of upcoming Collective Worship.

Weekly Programme (*this may vary slightly from time-to-time*)

Monday	Whole School led by Headteacher with a focus on world events, British Values and Other Faiths, along with the current value. Links will be made with Christianity, values and our vision.
Tuesday	Whole School usually led by the vicar of St Leonard's (fortnightly), led by Lighthouse (half termly), Led by our PSHE leader (half termly) or by the Collective Worship lead – which may include other Visitors.
Wednesday	Whole School Singing (to still include Calls/Responses, Vision and a prayer)
Thursday	Whole School led by a member of teaching staff in rotation (using Roots and Fruits Collective Worship scheme – which focuses on bible teachings linked to our Christian Values)
Friday	Celebration of Values in Action and Flourishing collective worship

Staff are required to be present during collective worship as much as possible.

Withdrawal

Parents have the statutory right to withdraw their children from acts of collective worship.

Monitoring

Collective Worship and its impact will be continuously monitored throughout the year by liaison with the Collective Worship Leaders (BT and GS), the RE subject Leader, the pupils, staff members, governors and parents/carers. Key findings are relayed back to those leading the worship.

A monitoring cycle will be added to the diary dates to ensure all forms of collective worship are monitored regularly (each term). Monitoring, including monitoring by children, will be reviewed at least termly by Collective Worship Leaders and shared with teaching staff during staff meeting. In addition to this, the Collective Worship leads will interview a group of children each time a new value is introduced and completed. Governors and parents will support the monitoring process.

Resources

A range of resources (including books, music, videos, artefacts and visual aids) are available to support collective worship in the school. In each class there will be a reflection area based on the current value, along with our outside reflection garden.

Singing

The school will aim to include a balance of traditional and contemporary hymns as part of the termly cycle.

Community

Through its Foundation the school is linked with the Church of England Parish Church of St Leonard's/Crawley Down; at least once a term we aim for worship to take place in the Parish Church. The Vicar of St Leonard's/Crawley Down takes collective worship regularly and supports the RE curriculum. The school has connections with Worth Abbey. Members of the community are invited to attend worship e.g. Harvest, Remembrance, Christingle/Carol Singing, Easter, Leavers' Service, Nativity.

APPENDIX A

Lord's Payer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

APPENDIX B

Prayer of St Richard (KS1)

O, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know you more clearly;
Love you more dearly;
And follow you more nearly.

Amen

Prayer of St Richard (KS2)

Thanks be to you, my lord, Jesus Christ,

For all the benefits that you have given me;
For all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

O, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know you more clearly;
Love you more dearly;
And follow you more nearly.

Amen

APPENDIX C

School Creed

Lord bless our school,
let peace dwell here,
let us be filled with joy,
let love abide here,
love of one another,
love of mankind,
love of life itself and love of God.
Let us remember that, as many hands build a house,
so many hearts make a school.
Amen.

APPENDIX D

Our Theologically Rooted Christian Vision

As each has received a gift, use it to serve, as good stewards of God's love.

1 Peter 4:10