



Sandiway Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

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Framework/Context

Collective Worship and assemblies take place in accordance with the requirements of the 1988 and 1993 Education Acts.

Aims of Collective Worship

- To promote the religious, spiritual, moral, physical and mental well-being of all those in the school community
- To explore certain ideas, activities, attitudes and feelings with a view to understanding them from a religious perspective
- To develop a sense of awe and wonder
- To come together as a school family

Skills

Through Collective Worship/assemblies we hope to give children the opportunity to

- reflect on their own and others' experiences
- help children to find out more about themselves
- learn more about the world in which they live
- consider the beliefs of others and how they influence people
- explore prayer
- praise God if appropriate
- give opportunities to be still, quiet and reflective
- find out about the world around them
- respond to stories and music
- develop a caring attitude towards self and others

Themes

We have themes for staff leading assemblies when an assembly is not linked to an event or festival. We also follow the British Value themes throughout the year. Visitors leading collective worship select their own themes unless linked to a special festival.

Special Events

The school celebrates many important events in the Christian calendar as well as festivals important to other religions. Each year the school celebrates Harvest, One World Week, Remembrance Day, Christmas. Our Christmas Carol service and Easter service is held in our local church.

Format of Assemblies

Every child has a daily opportunity to worship as follows;

- A weekly assembly at the beginning of the week to introduce the theme, led by the Headteacher
- Singing / Worship Songs assembly led by the Music Lead
- Class assemblies in the classroom once a week.
- Phase assemblies once a week led by a teacher.
- Friday – Whole school celebration assembly led by a member of SLT. The majority of assemblies are held at 1:00pm

Discussions happen throughout the assembly. We welcome other visitors into the school to help broaden the children's experiences.

Responsibility

The Headteacher and RE co-ordinator share responsibility for the planning, implementation and monitoring of Collective Worship/assemblies.

Right of Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship and are requested to discuss this with the RE co-ordinator or put it in writing. As a non-faith school we make our assemblies inclusive and accessible for all. Staff are entitled to withdraw from leading or participating in collective worship.

This policy has been compiled by Kathryn Handley January 2022.