

Collective Worship Policy

Principles

1. As a school we follow the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act.
2. Collective worship is an integral part of the broad and balanced curriculum to which all our children are entitled.
3. Collective worship in School underpins all aspects of school life.
4. Collective worship in school is open to all staff and pupils and no assumptions are made about their personal commitment.
5. Whilst awareness of other religious traditions and beliefs may be raised, we recognise that the proper place for fuller exploration of these issues is in religious education.

Aims

To develop:

- Social and Moral values.
- Spiritual awareness.
- Knowledge of Christian values, beliefs, celebrations and patterns of worship.
- Awareness of other beliefs, traditions, cultures and patterns of worship.

To provide a space in time which:

- Allows a pause for reflection and stillness in the midst of the pressure of the school day.
- Provides a rhythm to the life of the school by marking and celebrating special occasions and achievements.
- Facilitates the development of a sense of community, of belonging and sharing.
- Encourages pupils to learn how to be part of large and small gatherings, as well as offering opportunities to perform and respond to a presentation.
- Allows for celebration and reflection on things held to be of worth.

Nature of Collective worship

At Awbridge Primary School, Collective worship comprises:

Monday	Whole School Assembly led by the Head of Teaching and Learning
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Tuesday	Whole school singing led by the music subject leader
Wednesday	Key Stage assemblies (Class1-2/Classes 3-5) led by teachers in those classes
Thursday	Whole school assembly led by headteacher and teachers in rotation
Friday	Sharing assembly, where good work and behaviour are celebrated

At Wellow School, collective worship comprises:

Monday Learning	Whole School Assembly led by the Head of Teaching and Learning
Tuesday	Key stage assemblies led by teachers / pupil led assemblies led by House Captains / Peer mentors / Junior Road safety Officers / School Councillors
Wednesday	Singing assembly
Thursday	class reflection / thought for the day
Friday	Sharing assembly, where good work and behaviour are celebrated, led by teachers

Regular acts of Collective Worship bring the whole school community together to share moral and spiritual values and attitudes. Although they are mainly of a broadly Christian character, assemblies also draw upon the teachings of other religions and themes and are illustrated with stories, poems and drama from fact and fiction and personal experience. Upper school children regularly participate in assemblies, which encourages them to consider the issues they present and speak and perform in public.

On some occasions visitors will lead assemblies eg representatives of charitable organisations. The vicar of the local Church also leads and supports assemblies at Harvest, Easter and at the Leavers' assembly. The school visits the church annually at Christmas and this service forms one of the acts of collective worship.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from RE lessons and Collective Worship but we encourage discussion with the Head of Teaching and Learning before such a decision is made. If you choose to withdraw your child/children, please inform the Head of Teaching and Learning in writing.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review



The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.