



# Collective Worship Policy

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### Aims:

At The Manor Primary School, Collective Worship is seen as an important part of our school life. It is an opportunity for everyone to come together as a community to communicate, participate, reflect upon and promote our Christian Values, way of life and the wider world.

### Legal Requirements:

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in The Education Reform Act 1988 which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of worship, whether this is as a whole school, in class or groups.

### Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education:

The impact of Collective Worship should develop the non-material well-being of everyone within the School, e.g. self-esteem, creativity, questioning skills. It is also an opportunity to develop the children's understanding of right/wrong, concern and compassion. The children should also be able to develop their sense of responsibility within the School, at home and within the community, as well as having a sense of belonging, a positive attitude and appreciate their own and others beliefs. We measure this impact through their participation in Collective Worship, their actions, both physical and verbal, inside and outside of the classroom, residential trips, out/in of School events and their successes.

### Withdrawal from Collective Worship:

Parents have the right to withdraw their child(ren) from Collective Worship. Parents who wish to do so should contact Mrs. Gordon (Headteacher) or Miss. Pepper (RE & Collective Worship co-ordinator.) Members of staff also have the right to withdraw from leading or attending Collective Worship. Children who are withdrawn from Collective Worship shall participate in an activity with a member of staff outside of the hall.

### Planning of Collective Worship:

Our RE and Collective Worship co-ordinator, plans the overview for each term. These link to our Christian Values, celebrations, festivals and using 'Simple Collective Worship.' The local Church, St. Michael's, offers an Open the Book group who attend every Wednesday, either in person or virtually. These are often related to the Christian calendar and our Christian Values. The majority of the songs sang during Worship are both modern and traditional and are taken from 'Assemblies for Every Occasion and Every Assembly.'

### Collective Worship timetable:

#### Structure (including presentation, reflection & prayer):

We follow a 4-part sequence; gather, engage, respond and send. Collective Worship begins with the lighting of the candle and followed with a Call and Respond. After the presentation of Collective Worship, children and staff are given time to reflect upon the focus, sometimes followed with a hymn. A prayer linked to the focus, Christian Value and Vision concludes the Collective Worship. Children are given the opportunity to say their own prayer to the school / class. The candle is blown out, followed with a Call and Respond.

Monday: Class Worship focused on a Christian Value and linking biblical story. The evidence of these Class Worships are displayed in the class' RE Floor Book on coloured sugar paper.

Tuesday: Collective Worship led by Mrs Gordon, Miss Shires or another member of SLT.

Wednesday: Open the Book performance or story.

Thursday: Phase Collective Worship focused on a Christian Value and using 'Simple Collective Worship.'

Friday: Celebration Worship, which included Star of the Week (linked to Christian Values), Hot Chocolate Fridays (children who are consistently Ready, Respectful and Safe), Head Teacher Awards and Proud Moments, shared by staff and children.

Visitors are organised when possible.

#### Christian Values:

Since 2018, The Manor School re-established a new set of Christian Values. These were decided with children and parents of the school; Respect, Kindness, Confidence, Forgiveness, Honesty and Courage. Each term, a Christian Value is focused upon and linked to a biblical story where this is Christian Value is demonstrated.

#### Other faiths:

At The Manor School, we acknowledge and respect each other's faiths and culture. Our Christian Values teach us how to show understanding and tolerance of others, regardless of beliefs. Children have the opportunity to explore and understand other culture through their RE lessons.

#### Evaluation and Monitoring:

Evaluations are completed each term through a class discussion, using images to support conversation. Children have the opportunity to evaluate Collective Worship as well as the Collective Worship lead. These evaluations and monitoring support the next steps of Collective Worship.