NORHAM
ST. CEOLWULF'S
C OF E SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

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Introduction

Philosophy

St Ceolwulf's C of E First School is a Church of England School, as such collective worship is regarded as a vitally important part of the school day, providing the whole school community with the opportunity to come together to reflect and deepen our spiritual understanding, whilst nurturing collective belief of our core Christian values. Collective worship is attended by all students, staff and any visitors in school are very welcome to join in.

Legal Requirements

Norham St Ceolwulf's is a (Controlled) Church of England First School. As a result, we have a Trust Deed which states that worship should be "in accordance with the principles and practices of the Church of England". All acts of worship are in accordance with this Trust Deed and reflect the Anglican status of the school. In addition to daily school worship, special celebrations take place in Church.

In accordance with legal requirements (School Standards and Framework Act 1998) an act of collective worship, taking account of the age, aptitude and background of pupils, is provided daily for all pupils except those withdrawn by parents. The school expects that withdrawal will only be made following discussions with the head teacher, followed by written confirmation of withdrawal. The school has a suitable system of supervision for those withdrawn from acts of worship.

Rationale

As a Church of England School worship is regarded as core part of the school day, where the spiritual development of learners is nurtured. The school's key Christian values of Endurance, Service, Justice, Friendship and Compassion are shared and promoted during this time and the school seeks to develop an atmosphere where children can reflect on and deepen their spiritual understanding.

Strong links with St Ceolwulf's Church support this aim with Christian visitors leading assemblies regularly, with children visiting the church termly.

Because we aim for acts of worship to be inclusive of all pupils with an expectation that all pupils will be able to be present. Careful planning and preparation ensure that there are clear learning intentions for pupils. Collective worship is first and foremost for the spiritual benefit of all pupils. It is a shared activity that allows for a variety of responses, and provides an opportunity to focus and respond to stimuli giving the opportunity to explore, reflect on and understand the meaning of the Christian Faith.

Aims

At St. Ceolwulf's School Collective Worship aims to:

- Provide the opportunity to encounter the Christian Faith first hand.
- Provide the opportunity for the School Community to worship God
- Consider and reflect upon social, moral, cultural and spiritual issues.

- Explore and develop their own beliefs and spirituality.
- Reflect the underpinning the Christian values and ethos of the school.
- Offer opportunities to share worship with parents, governors and members of the local community.
- Celebrate and give thanks for achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals.
- Allow reflection and response to fundamental 'big' questions of life and those things that are of eternal concern and value to human beings.
- Contribute to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils.
- Foster and enable a concern for the needs of others.

Structure

At St Ceolwulf's Collective Worship takes place daily. All Staff, Parents and Governors are encouraged to attend and with the children, participate and respond either through active involvement in the presentation of worship, or simply listening to and meditating on the worship.

Some Christian festivals are celebrated in Church by arrangement with the local Vicar or other religious figures e.g. Methodist minister. The children are also taught a selection of prayers which are often used as part of our collective worship.

Visitors are invited to the school to lead worship in order to broaden the experience of the children.

Worship is organised in the following way:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole school assembly –Teacher-led collective worship, on the theme of Roots and Fruits.	Whole school assembly led by Rev Kelsey/Rev Sentamu – Liturgical year.	Whole school – Teacher led, singing.	Whole School – Teacher led, Picture News.	Individual Classes – Teacher led

Planning, Evaluation and Monitoring

All Acts of worship are planned, with teachers having the opportunity to evaluate and feedback to the RE coordinator. Teachers receive half termly planning detailing themes and foci for worship which they can adapt to the needs of their class.

From September 2022 the RE coordinator will be working asking students to help plan the cycle of worship, as well as support in directing the forms of collective worship used in school.

In addition, the coordinator monitors worship termly. Foundation governors also observe collective worship and provide feedback. These evaluations are used to inform future planning and as part of staff development. In addition, Foundation Governors review policy as part of their yearly structure, reviewing content and methodology, suitability, resources and budget.