



St. Mary Magdalene

C of E Primary School

Love to learn, learn to love

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

1.1 OUR SCHOOL VISION

We pride ourselves on being a diverse community where kindness and compassion are celebrated. In valuing all as God's children, we are committed to promoting the development of the whole child. We nurture academic habits and creativity across a range of subjects by providing aspirational opportunities to widen horizons.

Our School vision is rooted in the teaching of the story of the Good Samaritan.

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

1.2 SCHOOL MOTTO: 'Love to learn, learn to love'

1.3 VALUES:

Our Values are the heart of our school. They underpin our whole school curriculum and are used as a driver for our Collective Worship planning.

Our Loving Three;

- Love
- Wisdom
- Joy

1 RATIONALE

St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School acknowledges its responsibility as a voluntary controlled C of E School to provide a form of daily collective worship of a broadly Christian character. However, in line with The Education Reform Act (1988) we would also seek to reflect the ethnic makeup of our school and the wider community we serve.

At St Mary Magdalene we feel that learning about the different faiths represented within society and our school builds tolerance and understanding and breaks down prejudice and stereotyping. At St Mary Magdalene we recognise the significant contribution Collective Worship can make to a pupils spiritual, moral and cultural development, and its pivotal role in building and maintaining cohesion between all members of our community.

2 AIMS

- 2.1 To provide opportunity for Christian Worship, to learn about the life and teachings of Jesus and to celebrate key Christian festivals within the church year.
- 2.2 To provide time for reflection and prayer, using a variety of stimuli, eg. story, poetry and music
- 2.3 To give a feeling of community, a time for sharing and promoting mutual respect
- 2.4 To provide a time for appreciating and celebrating the achievements of others, eg. excellent effort, attitudes, and school values in practice.
- 2.5 To encourage and promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of children.
- 2.6 To promote the school's vision and values
- 2.7 To provide an opportunity for the whole school to come together as a family.

3 TIMETABLE

Collective Worship at St Mary Magdalene is organised in the following ways:-

- Monday –Whole School Worship
 - Tuesday – Praise (singing)
 - Wednesday – Whole School Worship
 - Thursday – Class Worship
 - Friday – Celebration – Where school values are celebrated
- 3.1 The Worship rota for each term gives guidelines as to the focus of each worship. Whole School worship gives the school community an opportunity to be gathered together united in their Christian beliefs and to worship as a family. However, during this the integrity of students and staff from all backgrounds will be respected.
 - 3.2 On Wednesdays the themes of worship if not based on the half termly theme or school values take into account key festivals from other faiths, or topical or newsworthy events.

4 IMPLEMENTATION

The planning and delivery of Collective Worship and Key Stage Worship will be conducted by the Senior Leadership Team or teaching staff, as well as supported by the Vicar. At least four times a year the whole school community will join for Collective worship in All Saints Church. This will be led by the School Vicar and/ or leaders within the church community. Class worship is delivered each week and suggested themes are included on the worship rota. However, this is flexible to allow staff to follow the children's lead or themes of interest as appropriate.

5 WITHDRAWAL FROM WORSHIP

As a Church Of England School our school is inclusive and welcoming to all regardless of religious beliefs. However we also seek to be distinctively Christian in character, offering every young person an encounter with the Christian faith.

Both have an important role in helping us build a distinctive Christian character and we sincerely hope that all pupils will take a full part in this however we understand that parents do have the right to withdraw children from worship. We require written requests for withdrawal and encourage all parents to review the school's worship themes and RE overview in order to inform their decision.

6 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Collective Worship Leader will be responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of Collective Worship and the Collective Worship policy. This will be supported by feedback from:-

- Children's evaluations of Collective Worship
- staff feedback, as appropriate
- Pupil/ Parent questionnaires
- Informal feedback from parents
- Feedback from Governors, when appropriate.

The Collective Policy will be reviewed formally every 3 years.