



# STOKE PRIOR FIRST SCHOOL

## Collective Worship Policy

The Collective Worship Policy at Stoke Prior First School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the LA through its SACRE.

### **Definition of Collective Worship**

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

### **Aims of Collective Worship**

#### **For the School:**

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of our school and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- celebrate achievement and special times
- explore together the world in which we live
- develop a community spirit

#### **For the Pupils:**

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- develop their own spirituality
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human

### **The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum**

Collective Worship is distinct from curriculum time but may feature aspects of the curriculum to enhance pupils' experiences. It may also enrich classwork by considering subject matter from different perspectives. It supports pupils' spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development through diverse themes, stimuli, and opportunities for personal reflection.

## **Organisation and Leadership**

### **Planning and Leadership:**

Collective Worship are planned, monitored, and evaluated on a termly basis. SLT and our Music Co-Ordinator are involved in leading assemblies, ensuring a collaborative and inclusive approach. Visitors, including leaders from different faiths, are welcomed to lead worship, promoting respect and shared values.

### **Structure and Setting:**

Assembly takes place in the school hall or classrooms and typically lasts around 15 minutes, with flexibility as needed.

### **Themes and Content:**

Assemblies are based on a variety of themes, including:

- Stories from major religions
- Moral and ethical issues
- Topical and current events
- School and British values
- Personal, Social, Health and Emotional themes (PSHE)
- Mental Health & Wellbeing themes

This variety fosters understanding, empathy, and reflection.

### **Collective Worship/Assemblies**

At Stoke Prior First School, we believe in the importance of daily assemblies to bring our community together and promote values such as empathy, courage, and kindness, alongside our school values of respect, collective responsibility, teamwork, and reflection. Assemblies are designed to be engaging and meaningful for all students.

### **Special Assemblies**

#### **Rainbow Award Assembly:**

Held weekly, this assembly celebrates student achievements and efforts. Rainbow Awards are given for academic success, personal growth, helpfulness, and kindness. One class receives the Rainbow Headteacher's Award and the Rainbow Cup, along with the privilege of playing on the wooden fort during playtime.

#### **Champion Awards:**

On the penultimate Friday of each full term, each class selects a Values Champion and a Learning Champion. These students are celebrated in the final Rainbow Assembly of the term, led by the Headteacher. Parents and carers are invited to attend, and staff share why each child was chosen.

### **Parental Rights and Withdrawal**

We respect the religious beliefs of our students and their families. Parents may request in writing that their child be withdrawn from Collective Worship. Alternative arrangements will be made, and parents are encouraged to discuss their concerns with the Headteacher.

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