

Limewoods Federation Policy
Collective Worship Policy

1 Objectives

- 1.1 Our objectives in providing collective worship are:
- To provide an opportunity for children to worship God;
 - To provide an opportunity for children to consider the meaning and purpose of life;
 - To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
 - To enable children to explore their own beliefs;
 - To encourage participation and response;
 - To develop in children a sense of community spirit;
 - To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes;
 - To provide an opportunity for calm reflection.

2 Collective Worship

- 2.1 We understand worship to be a special act or occasion the purpose of which is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves members of the school coming together participating in activities which support the spiritual development of all.
- 2.2 As a federation of schools we generally base our acts of worship on the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Christian Church. However, we conduct them in a manner that is sensitive to all, whether they are of faith or none.
- 2.3 While the acts of worship in school are Christian in nature we also reflect other religious traditions that are represented in the local and wider community.
- 2.4 Daily acts of worship in both schools are carefully planned to ensure that they are inclusive, inspiring and invitational.

3 Organisation of Collective Worship

- 3.1 We conduct the act of collective worship in a dignified and respectful way to foster an atmosphere of calm and reflection for all. We regard it as a special time and expect all participants to behave in an appropriate way. We expect them to be quiet, thoughtful, to listen carefully to the teachings and participate fully in prayer and song/hymns. We create an appropriate atmosphere through music and a candle and other objects that act as a focal point.
- 3.2 The headteacher, members of staff, local clergy, children and visitors conduct our collective worship. These may also include contributions from the pupils and visitors to the school.
- 3.4 We invite parents, governors and the wider community to join the school in acts of collective worship.

3.5 Collective worship is planned carefully each half term for the following half term by the collective worship working party. All worship is based on Christian teachings which embrace the school values and support our ethos.

4 Right of withdrawal

4.1 We expect all children to attend assembly. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending collective worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

4.2 The headteacher keeps a record of all children who withdraw from collective worship.

5 Monitoring and review

5.1 Monitoring is undertaken through gathering feedback from the pupils, clergy, governors and staff. At Bardney Church of England and Methodist Church Primary School, the collective worship council are actively involved in monitoring collective worship. At Bucknall Primary, children will be involved in monitoring collective worship with the collective worship lead. The headteacher monitors the policy and makes recommendations to the governors.

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