

THE
COMPASS
PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS

Collective Worship Policy
Autumn 2018



The Education Reform Act 1988 requires all children in our school to attend a daily act of Collective Worship. It is the responsibility of the Headteacher, after consultation with the Local Governing Body, to arrange for this to take place. Parents may choose to have their child withdrawn from Collective Worship and it is the responsibility of the school to arrange supervision for any child withdrawn.

The Collective Worship should be broadly Christian in nature. The Collective Worship should reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief, but should not be denominational, doctrinaire or resemble a church service. Material/themes from traditions other than Christianity will be included. Our values form the basis of all assemblies and these are the foundations of all faiths.

Our approach

We interpret these traditions through several broad themes with many cross-curricular links. These themes contain religious concepts and attitudes central to the life of Jesus Christ and the Christian church as well as many aspects of life and experience.

Content

The thematic content is carefully planned, so that it is interesting and relevant to the experience, social and cultural background of all our children. The children are involved and participate as much as possible.

Collective Worship is an important means by which the collective values and ethos of the school can be celebrated. These values provide a framework for the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Opportunities

Collective Worship provides opportunities for the children to:

- ◆ Consider spiritual and moral issues
- ◆ Explore their own beliefs
- ◆ Actively participate and respond
- ◆ Develop a sense of community
- ◆ Share in promoting the values and ethos of the school
- ◆ Promote positive attitudes and celebrate achievement

Planning

Collective Worship follows the cycle of school values; learning dispositions; festivals and significant events and relevant news stories. These elements are developed over a half term so that the collective worship is broad, balanced, relevant to the children and appropriate to the needs of the school community.

It is the responsibility of an Assistant Head to plan for Collective Worship in collaboration with the Headteacher.

Delivery

Collective Worship takes place daily during Assemblies at 9.00 am in KS2 and at 10.10 in KS1. Assemblies are follows:

Monday - **KS1 Assembly and KS2 Assembly**
Tuesday - **KS1 Assembly and KS2 Assembly**
Wednesday - **KS1 Assembly and KS2 Assembly**
Thursday - **Class Assembly**
Friday - **KS1 Singing and KS2 Singing**

Children should arrive promptly and quietly in the hall. Collective Worship will begin and end on time. Children exit quietly from the hall and go back to their classrooms afterwards.

A 'special time'

The children are encouraged to view Collective Worship as a 'special time' in the day, during which they look, listen, discuss and reflect together as a school community. This is promoted by appropriate music to create an atmosphere and by the content of the session. Towards the end of the time, there is an opportunity for the children to sit quietly and reflect on what has been shown and talked about. Lighting a candle or looking at a special picture or object may encourage this.

The content is made as interesting as possible by having a variety of stimuli (pictures, objects, story props etc) and by using story, drama, songs etc and the children are encouraged to lead and participate. This should make a significant contribution to pupils' spiritual and moral development.

Collective Worship is given a high profile through the use of display boards in the halls which has a display of the current month's value and its meaning.

South Rise Values and general themes:

September: Responsibility; Harvest Festival
October: Freedom; Black History Month; Diwali
November: Freedom; Remembrance; Heritage; International Evening; Anti Bullying
December: Peace; Advent; Christmas
January: Perseverance; New Year; Chinese New Year
February: Kindness; Shrove Tuesday; Lent; Holi
March: Respect; St David's Day
April: Trust; Easter; Passover; St George's Day
May: Tolerance; VE Day; Earth Day
June: Forgiveness; World Refugee Day D Day;
July: Honesty; Transition

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Monitoring, evaluation and review

The Board of Trustees will assess the implementation and effectiveness of this policy. The

Policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy. This policy was adopted for full implementation on DATE.

This Policy will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees on a 3-yearly cycle and must be signed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and Headteacher.

Policy adopted:	Autumn Term 2018
Aligned for:	South Rise Primary School
Other related policies	
Next Review:	Autumn Term 2021
Signature of Chair of the Board of Trustees: Mary Whitehead	Signature of Headteacher: Hazel Brown