

FAITH PRIMARY ACADEMY  
Liverpool

# Collective Worship Policy



# COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

## Mission Statement.

‘Loving and Learning in the Light of the Lord.’

Collective Worship at Faith Primary school provides opportunities for staff and children to come together to worship God. Whilst respecting diversity of belief and commitment, it will be Christian in character, reflecting the liturgical tradition of the Catholic and Anglican Church and having Christ at its heart. It will take into account the religious and educational needs of all who share in it:

- those who form part of the worshipping community in church
- those for whom school may be their first and only experience of church
- those from other Christian traditions
- those from other faith backgrounds.

It will be an educational activity or experience.

- to which all can contribute
- from which all can gain

## AIMS

Through our worshipping together we aim to:

- enable and encourage a sense of belonging to a community with a common ethos and shared values
- respond to and celebrate life by taking time out to ‘wonder at’, mark as special
- contemplate something of the mystery of God
- enrich the religious experience of all members of the school community
- reflect on spiritual and moral issues
- build a firm foundation for liturgy

## WHO?

- **Governors** are responsible for ensuring that the school has a current Collective Worship policy
- The **headteacher** is responsible for ensuring that Collective Worship is provided for each child each day
- The **coordinator** is responsible for the medium-term planning of Collective worship
- **Class teachers** are responsible for planning and enabling Collective Worship to take place daily

- **Children** will have the opportunity to take part in daily Collective Worship

## **WHERE?**

Collective Worship can take place:

- within the classroom
- in the school hall
- in the open

*Parents have the right to withdraw their child from daily Collective Worship.*

## **WHEN?**

*It is a legal requirement that every child must have an opportunity to take part in Collective Worship every day.*

To ensure that Collective Worship is a meaningful and prayerful opportunity for all participants it needs to occur at the **most appropriate** time for the class/ key stage/school.

Class teachers are encouraged to look at their weekly curriculum and place Collective Worship at a time which enables the children to have a quality experience.

## **HOW?**

Leader: It can be led by:

- executive headteacher/ head of school/ assistant head/ CW Lead
- clergy
- class teacher
- children
- visitors

In order to provide children with quality experiences Collective Worship teachers at Faith Primary school will:

- ensure that the theme, focus, delivery, length and resources are appropriate to the interests, age range, backgrounds and ability of learners (*time: approximately one minute for each year of a child's life*)

- set an appropriate atmosphere with a sense of order and occasion, including entry and exit (*use of music/ lighting*)
- provide a focus using artefacts, candles, symbols etc
- respect the freedom of learners and staff in the **invitation** to prayer and worship
- ensure the possibility of conscious, active participation of all present

Teachers will use a **variety** of building blocks

- short address/ personal experience
- readings: Scripture/ poetry/story
- drama /dance/song/role play
- artefacts/ posters/ natural materials
- time for reflection/ silence
- prayer: informal /formal (Psalms / children's own prayers etc )
- responses (e.g. saying /singing)

## **PLANNING AND RECORDING**

Planning will be done with reference to:

- *Come and See* and *Knowing You More Clearly* topics, Roots and Fruits Planners, the whole school Christian Values Theme' s yearly plan, the Church's seasons, significant dates
- the whole curriculum
- local, national, world events

Use will be made of a simple planning sheet

Collective Worship for special occasions will be **recorded** through:

- planning sheets
- collections of learner's contributions
- prayers, reflections
- photographs /display

## **EVALUATION:**

Collective Worship will be evaluated with reference to the variety of experiences

- regular evaluation by children (discussion with comments kept to be shared with all staff)

- staff discussion: reference to learners' comments included