



Collective Worship Policy 2020-21

ST. STEPHEN'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Action	Policy to be reviewed as required and at least annually		
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Aims and Objectives

OUR AIMS IN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP are that all children will have opportunities to:

- Come to the threshold on Christian worship, confirming Britain's Christian heritage.
- Foster a sense of community, sharing and promoting the ethos and Christian traditions of the school.
- Provide a context whereby the school members can be joined with the wider community.
- Participate in times of reflection, prayer, peace and silence.
- Be able to foster a sense of awe, wonder and mystery.
- Participate in the use of symbol, language and all the senses to express feelings and beliefs.
- See worship as relevant to everyday life.
- Experience growth in their spiritual development.
- Enjoy participating in and initiating worship.
- Reflect on their own experiences and identity with that of others.
- Extend their knowledge of the various ways of worshipping God.
- Learn how to perform and behave in front of an audience.

Legal requirements (in accordance with the 2002 Education Act)

- There should be a daily act of collective worship for all pupils.
- It must pay regard to pupils' family backgrounds, ages and aptitudes.
- Parents have a legal right to withdraw children in certain circumstances.
- Collective worship must be 'wholly or mainly of the broadly Christian character'.
- The Governors, after consultation with the Head Teacher, are responsible for the legal requirements of collective worship.

- The school collective act of worship can be on the school premises, in church or at other relevant locations on special occasions.
- It can be at any time of the day.
- Teachers are usually required to attend and/or participate in collective worship because of the contract with the governors.
- Worship will be examined under 'Section 13' during an OFSTED inspection and the results of that inspection will be published.

Organisation

Organisation: Each assembly involves the whole school.

Monday: Act of worship held in hall led by delegated member of staff from Kick London (Christian non-profit organisation).

Tuesday: Hymn Practice

Wednesday: Clergy act of worship held in hall.

Thursday: In rotation Class Assemblies or Act of Worship led by Class Teachers

Friday: 'Good Work Assembly', led by Headteacher.

Daily Prayer: Said in classrooms, led by teachers at beginning and end of the day. Prayer format is at the back of the policy.

Mealtime Grace: Said in classrooms before lunch.

Resources

Music:

- Interactive whiteboard and computer.
- Live music from pupils, staff or visitors.

- PA System

Visual stimuli:

- Artefacts and other resources.
- Symbols to enhance the worship e.g. candle, cross etc.
- Materials from visitors and agencies.
- These can be interactive whiteboard, PowerPoint presentation, posters, pictures, children's own work, videos etc.

Performance:

(see music) can include a wide variety of music from different traditions and countries.

Drama, poetry, story, mime or dance.

The teaching syllabus

A scheme of work has been planned to take account of the ages and abilities of all pupils and to ensure that there is progression between the Key Stages. It will be delivered through specific lessons that focus on bible stories and discussion of issues, which highlight honesty, fairness, generosity, kindness and which encourages reconciliation, forgiveness, life and death. The syllabus will teach an understanding of Christian festivals and of other religious festivals in a multi-faith society. It will be delivered through visits to places of worship, art galleries and through drama, art, film, video, poetry, music and an exploration of the beauties of the natural world. Elements of the syllabus will overlap into other areas of the curriculum such as literacy, science and history.

Collective worship

At St. Stephen's Church of England Primary School we seek to provide a daily act of Christian worship involving the whole school, which aims to foster the feeling of belonging and to reinforce the whole ethos of our school. In general, it will be interactive, relying on pupil participation. Elements of prayer, pictures, role-play, music, story and current news interest will seek to involve all pupils. There will be a once-a-week Eucharist in the church, attended by classes on a rota basis, to which parents and visitors are invited. The parish priest prepared the pupils for this act of worship. The parish priest conducts

assembly once a week in school. There will be, on occasions, visits from members of the wider religious community who will take to the pupils.



