



Through God We Achieve

OUR VISION AT ST. STEPHEN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

To deliver outstanding education in a caring community, with God at its centre

'Turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding'. Proverbs 2:2

OUR VALUES:

Joy - we provide a happy and stimulating environment, rooted in Christian values.

Excellence - we are a church school committed to the highest standards in everything we do.

Relationship – we work hand-in-hand with St Stephen's Church as well as our parents and carers.

Respect - we enable our children to deepen or realise their own faith and respect the freedom of others in their beliefs.

Nurture – our children are cared for spiritually, morally, intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally.

Collective Worship Policy 2023-24

Action	Policy to be reviewed as required and at least annually		
	Owner	Date	Completed
Updated	Michael Schumm/ Alex Perry	July 2023	✓
Next Review	Board of Governors	July 2024	
Approved	M Schumm	July 2023	✓

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Collective Worship Policy

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.

1. Organisation

Organisation: Each Collective Worship involves the whole school.

Monday: Collective worship led by Alastair Parks - (Christian non-profit organisation).

Tuesday: Hymn Practice and Collective Worship with Denis, our Vicar

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Thursday: Class Collective Worship or Collective Worship led by Class Teachers

Friday: Celebration of children's achievements Collective Worship, led by Headteacher.

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

Mealtimes Grace: Said in classrooms before lunch.

2. 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.

3. The teaching syllabus

We use the LDBS RE Syllabus and assessment procedures which 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.

4. 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.