



Headlands Primary School Collective Worship Policy

Introduction

Headlands Primary School caters for children aged from 4-11. This Collective Worship policy has been designed with our school population in mind. It is written in accordance with guidance from York's Standing Advisory Council for RE (SACRE).

Policy statement

This Collective Worship policy reflects the law (1988 Education Reform Act) and provides an opportunity for the school to come together to reflect and celebrate the ethos and life of the school and wider community.

Collective Worship will take place daily and will be planned so as to be appropriate to all pupils of any religion or none, to enable them to be present and take part as appropriate.

The aims of collective worship in our School

- All present should feel valued whatever their faith or personal beliefs.
- Under no circumstances will pupils be asked to accept beliefs, which are contrary to their family background.
- They will reflect the beliefs and backgrounds of individual pupils and encourage a voluntary response from pupils.
- Worship will acknowledge and respect the responses of individual pupils and provide opportunities for them to express their feelings such as delight in life, wonder, joy, rejoicing, and sorrow.
- Collective worship will not assume a shared religious commitment. They will encourage pupils to consider their own place in the community and what it means to be a citizen.
- The school values the impact of collective worship on the wellbeing of all members of the school community and ensures that collective worship is regularly monitored by the Headteacher and reported to the Governing Body.

The legal requirements: The Education Reform Act 1988

Organisation

Collective worship takes place each day and may be a gathering of the whole school, year group or class. It may be led by a member of staff, or an invited guest.

Style and Character

The school provides a daily act of worship which is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. It provides an opportunity to consider and reflect upon how belief and faith in God affects lives. It may incorporate time for quiet reflection, prayer and songs.

Interpreting the law for our school

Parents are able to withdraw their children from Collective Worship on grounds of conscience should they wish to do so, but we believe that Collective Worship is inclusive and beneficial for all pupils. Parents are asked to contact the Head Teacher to discuss any concerns.

It is hoped that no child will have to be withdrawn from Collective Worship, but where this is the case the child will be supervised by a member of staff in a different room.

The content of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is designed to enhance the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils. It celebrates the good, praises achievements and promotes the recognition of each pupil's own worth and potential.

Headteacher: Ruth Ellis

Chair of Governors: Ron Smith

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