

Little Sutton Church of England Primary School



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Aims and objectives

At Little Sutton Church of England Primary School, the daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. Our act of Collective Worship is central to the life and purposes of our school and concentrates largely on the affirmation and celebration of the Christian beliefs, traditions and our school's values.

Through collective worship in our school we aim to:

- provide an opportunity for children to worship God;
- help children enter into a loving relationship with God
- provide an experience of worship that will allow children to respond to the presence, power and peace of God
- encourage pupil participation and response whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship, partner discussion of philosophical questions or through listening to and joining in the worship offered
- introduce children to Christian language and symbolism and the cycle of the church year
- explore a variety of ways of praying and introduce children to some well-known Christian prayers, e.g. Lord's Prayer
- strengthen and support the school community giving expression to and reaffirming the Christian values of the school
- celebrate the gifts that each child brings to the school community, recognising the uniqueness of each individual made in the image of God
- encourage children to reflect on the puzzling questions that life poses and to respond to the wonder and mystery of the world around them
- foster a concern for others within the school and wider world
- encourage respect for others religious beliefs and practices
- foster an appreciation of the created world and an awareness of our responsibility for it.

Legal Framework

As a school we recognise the need to ensure that there is a daily act of collective worship for all pupils (in line with the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988) and a timetable for daily collective worship has been agreed. The daily act of collective worship takes into account the age aptitude and background of pupils.

Parents have the right to withdraw children from collective worship and arrangements will be made to accommodate these children. Withdrawal from collective worship will only be made following discussions with the Executive Principal and a written request from parents.

Our vision

For with God nothing shall be impossible
Luke 1:37

Christian Values

At Little Sutton Church of England Primary School, we focus on twelve Christian values on a two-year cycle, following 'Roots and Fruits' Christian collective worship guidance. These values are built into the ethos and teaching of the school and are modelled by everyone who works at the school. We teach the children that every person is created in God's image. Regardless of differences, we are all part of God's family.

Year A	Generosity	Forgiveness
	Compassion	Friendship
	Courage	Respect
Year B	Thankfulness	Justice
	Trust	Service
	Perseverance	Truthfulness

Planning, Delivery and Evaluation

At Little Sutton Church of England Primary, our collective worship planning reflects our values focus for that term, the Church calendar, our school development priorities and current events. Our worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values and we are also committed to respecting each other's faith stance and culture, showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs. The Ethos Group contribute ideas to planning and identify ways that collective worship themes can be developed across school.

Collective Worship usually takes place in the school hall and an appropriate atmosphere is created through the use of:

- Christian signs and symbols
- candles
- music
- a focal point
- prayer
- song
- ritual and liturgical responses

Pupils play a key role in worship, through planned contributions, drama, prayers, lighting candles and spontaneous contributions during worship.

Prayer and Reflection

Collective worship always includes a time of prayer and/or reflection, including hymn practice. A range of prayers is used including the Lord's Prayer, the school prayer, prayers written by the children and others. They are introduced in an appropriate manner with a short time of quiet for personal reflection and prayer. Worship begins with a bidding prayer and simple liturgy is used when lighting the candle.

See appendix 1 for further details as to the structure of worship.

Record Keeping, Evaluation and Monitoring

Pupil evaluations of worship are recorded. SLT monitor collective worship regularly through observations and using pupil voice. Staff CPD is provided for those that lead collective worship.

Visits and Visitors

As part of the curriculum, Little Sutton Church of England Primary School ensures that appropriate visits are made available for the children in order for them to have first-hand experiences and gain a greater understanding of various places of worship. Father Mark from the local church visits every Wednesday to lead worship.

Visitors to the school are welcomed and enabled to share their experiences and knowledge. St. Paul's Church is our most valuable resource, with the whole school attending at key times of the year including Harvest, Christmas and Easter in addition to visits linked to the RE curriculum. Members of the Church community attend and contribute to our whole school services each term. We also attend the Methodist Church and volunteers from both churches volunteer in the school.

The Collective Worship Lead and foundation governor liaise to discuss various aspects of the spiritual life of the school and this ensures an effective line of communication between the school and the governing body regarding these matters.

Equal Opportunities

All pupils, regardless of academic ability, age, gender and ethnic origin will have access to a wide range of appropriate activities to support their understanding of R.E. At each Key Stage, the teacher will draw from other religions as appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate the religious beliefs of the children within the class.

Signed: Mrs Carciero

Dated: Sep 24

Appendix 1



Little Sutton C of E Collective Worship Entrance music- reflection time



Leader only: Dear Father God, bless our school, that working together and praying together we may learn to serve you and to serve others. Amen.

Children: Amen

Light the candle- choose children

Leader only: We light this candle in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Hymn

Content- stories/ roots and shoots/REACH etc

All together: Our Father, in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all now and forever more. Amen.

Children: Amen

Choose children to put the candle out

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Children: In the name of Christ, Amen