



## Collective Worship Policy



**Life in all its fullness, John 10:10**

*Our vision is for all in our school community:  
to have hope for the future.*

*to grow in kindness and compassion.*

*to know we are loved by God and valued for who we are,  
regardless of religious faith, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation.*

<i>Date of last review and future reviews</i>	<i>Updates / changes since last review</i>	<i>Chair of Governors</i>
<i>This policy was agreed by governing body in May 2018 and supersedes all previous policies relating to this area. Implementation is with immediate effect and review is at the Headteacher's discretion.</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>Maria Parker</i>

We believe that in our daily collective worship we try to create an occasion, which produces a variety of responses, one of which is worship. By providing different levels of interest and involvement, all children will feel included, whatever their beliefs or background. However, underpinning our collective worship are the core values of Christianity. It is our aim for children to 'keep their minds open' to learning from the faith and beliefs of others.

The following timetable shows the **usual** structure although this will vary when we have visitors. (see below)

Day	Time	Worship leader	Key focus
Monday	9-9:30am	St Margaret's Lee Rector	Addressing the Christian value theme for the half term
Tuesday	9-9:30am	Deputy Head & Music teacher	Praise with singing, reflection
Wednesday	9-9:30am	Headteacher	Celebration of achievement
Thursday	10-10:30am	Children & class teachers, SLT	Celebrating class learning with wider school community, Presenting and reflecting on class learning in RE lessons, reflecting on Christian value theme



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Friday	10-10:20am	Headteacher	Addressing the Christian value theme for the half term
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Although the format of worship will vary, the expectation is always that children are engaged, involved and reflective.

The following elements are a regular part of our school practice:

Music as the children enter the hall	To create an appropriate atmosphere for the time of worship
Welcome and lighting the candle	To remind the children that Jesus, the light of the world is with us
Opening prayer	usually the school prayer, the Lords' Prayer or a prayer specific to the worship theme
A time of reflection	Either a time of silence or listening to music
A hymn	either selected from the term playlist or by the worship leader to reflect the theme of the worship

## Visiting worship leaders

Across the year, we encourage a variety of guests to either lead or participate in our collective worship, including regular visits from the Rector of St Margaret's Lee Church. Children also make regular visits to St Margaret's church for services led by the Rector.

## Involvement of Parents

Parents are invited to attend their child's class assemblies and other key events such as Christmas, Harvest and Easter, as well as events at church such as School Sunday, Church Tuesday, School Leavers' Service, Lent, Advent etc.

## Involvement of Governors

The governors monitor the quality of collective worship primarily through attending and also through dialogue with children, staff and parents. Governors are also involved in the review of the collective worship policy.

## Planning the Year

Collective worship is planned by the senior leadership team and RE subject leader. This plan is shared with the Rector, governing body and faith group for consultation and feedback.



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Alongside this we also incorporate various other events such as:

- Church events
- Saint Days
- Festivals (including those from other faiths)
- National Events
- World Events