



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Swinderby All Saints Primary School

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As a church school, we work to ensure each child can flourish to achieve their full potential.

We do this by building a safe and inclusive community that fosters teamwork and promotes excellence in learning. We encourage all to follow their dreams, value their self-worth and contribute to their community and the wider world.

We work for this vision by living out our values of: -

Truthfulness
Compassion
Forgiveness
Respect

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"- John v10b

Swinderby All Saints is a caring, Christian school community, where everyone is made in the image and likeness of God. Here individuals are helped to achieve their full potential, through a child centred curriculum, which develops independent learning.

Introduction:

We live out our school-based values in a Christian environment inclusive of all faiths.

Legal Requirements:

We acknowledge the legal requirement that there must be a daily act of worship for all pupils. The act of worship is not designated curriculum time and will not be subsumed under any part of the curriculum, including religious education.

In this school, as with any Voluntary Controlled School, responsibility for arranging Collective Worship rests with the Governing Body after consultation with the headteacher.

The Place of Collective Worship in the Life of Our School:

We endorse the belief that Collective Worship considers the religious and educational needs of all who share in it:

- Those who form part of the worshipping community in church
- Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of church
- Those from other Christian traditions, or none
- Those from other faith backgrounds
- It will be an educational activity or experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain

We will continue to foster and deepen the children's personal relationship with God our Father daily in prayer. We do this by helping them become aware of God's Presence in their lives and of His love for them by leading them to respond to Him in a manner suited to their age. This may be in one of the following ways:

- Prayer of silence
- Spontaneous prayer
- Praying through gesture or action

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- Formal prayer

The Aims of Collective Worship:

We believe that Collective Worship in our school aims to provide opportunity for all pupils and staff:

- To contemplate something of the mystery of God
- To reflect on spiritual and moral issues
- To explore their own beliefs
- To respond to and celebrate life
- To experience a sense of belonging and develop community spirit
- To develop a common ethos and shared values
- To enrich religious experience
- To grow in liturgical understanding and development
- To reinforce positive attitudes
- To participate fully
- To make time to 'wonder at', 'to come to terms with' and 'to give worth to'

Principles:

All acts of Worship in this school will:

- Be Inclusive and inspirational
- Give glory and honour to God
- Be a quality activity fundamental to the life of the school and its Christian Character

In order to do this, celebrations will:

- Be kept small wherever possible or appropriate to personalise the experience
- Be short and appropriately paced
- Be simple, including a range of experiences offered in a variety of groupings and in a variety of settings.

In order to achieve the above, Collective Worship is organised as follows:

Monday – Whole School Collective Worship based on a biblical theme

Tuesday – Class based Collective Worship

Wednesday – Whole School singing Collective Worship

Thursday – Class based Collective Worship

Friday – Whole School Collective Worship and Celebrations

Planning:

Collective Worship in this school is planned following a structure with reference to the Church's seasons, significant dates, The School Values and British Values. As a school we use Picture News and iSingPOP to support our teachers and Collective Worship plans.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Throughout the year, as part of the school's monitoring calendar, the school's provision of worship will be evaluated to consider whether it meets the needs of pupils and whether it truly reflects the aims and mission of the school.