



Collective Worship Policy



St. Peter and St. Paul C.E. Primary School, Burgh-le-Marsh Collective Worship Policy

"Striving for excellence together in a caring Christian community"
School Core values – **RESPECT**, **COMPASSION**, **COURAGE**

At St Peter & St Paul CE Primary School our ethos reflects Christian values and principles. Our core values are respect, compassion and courage and this is reflected in everyday life in our school community.

Aims

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- To provide an opportunity for the children to worship God.
- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues.
- To enable children to explore their own beliefs.
- To encourage participation and response.
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit.
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes.
- To contribute to the Religious Education of all children.

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Christian Worship is paying reverence to God and nurturing a sense of awe, wonder and mystery at the creative power of God and His creation evoking an appropriate spiritual response. Collective worship usually involves all members of the school community coming together and participating.

Worships are conducted in a dignified and respectful way with positivity and encouraging thoughtful response. Worships are broadly Christian in character on the teachings of Christ and traditions of the Christian Church. However we are sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school. While the majority of acts of worship in our school are Christian, we also include those that reflect other religions. The basis of worship themes are drawn from the school core values where possible, making links to the Christian calendar.

Organisation of Collective Worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship usually in the hall in our school. This forms part of our morning routine. These take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday as a whole school. Key Stage worships take place on Wednesdays led by teaching staff.

The Headteacher usually leads collective worship in school however Father Terry Steele supports Year 6 pupils within Friday Collective Worship giving the address and leading the prayers. Pastor Colin Bowden regularly delivers worship in line with planned themes. Through regular participation both in school and

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the local churches acts of worship the children gain confidence and this enables and develops character building and individual spirituality.

Themes for our worship are taken from our two year plan linking Christian values, British Values and aspects of PSHE. These are planned and prepared in advance with a common structure including prayer and time for reflection. Worships are evaluated by leaders regularly. Opportunities are made for children to reflect on each terms theme in class.

The hall is prepared for worship by Year 6 Worship leaders with altar, music and any other resources available. Other children are often involved by acting, reading, leading worship or participation through comments, questioning. Every Friday the school gathers to share "Pupils of the Week" and certificates are presented. Other opportunities are made to enable children to share achievements out of school. Our children play an important part in promoting the values of our school.

As a school we lead and support acts of worship at St Peter & St Paul's Church throughout the year through services including All Saints Day, Harvest, Acts of Remembrance, Christmas Carol Service, Christingle Service, Christmas Tree Service, Palm Cross Service, St Peter & St Paul's Day and Leavers Services. This provides opportunities for our children to take part in collective worship in the broader community.

Withdrawal

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship should they wish. However, participation will be encouraged and steps taken to support a common understanding as it is an important part of the whole school learning and sharing together. Supervision is provided for any child that is withdrawn.

Review Framework

The policy will be reviewed every two years (or sooner in the event of revised legislation or guidance)

This policy was approved at a Governors' Meeting held on:

Signed:



Chair of Governors

Date: 28th April 2016