

Glynwood Community Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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1. Introduction

At Glynwood we aim to provide a balanced and broadly based curriculum, which promotes the spiritual, moral, social, cultural and emotional development of all children. Collective Worship plays a key role in this provision.

Collective Worship is seen as a time when the school community can meet together to raise awareness of aspects of human life and the natural world. It is seen as a gathering of people reflecting upon a single theme but allowing for individual response to that theme.

2. Objectives

1. To provide Collective Worship in accordance with legal requirements and LA guidance.
2. To establish guidelines for staff and visitors.

3. Legal requirements

It is a requirement of that all children must take part in Collective Worship, unless they have been withdrawn by their parents/carers.

On the majority of occasions acts of worship are mainly of a broadly Christian character.

4. Aims for Collective Worship

Collective Worship is seen as a time when we can meet together to establish, affirm and celebrate the shared values of our school. It is a time to share, give thanks, offer praise, hope and wish, remember, say sorry and celebrate. It is a time to think, listen, participate, observe and reflect. It provides an opportunity for children to worship God. It nurtures the identity and nature of the school as a community.

Collective Worship is an essential element in the schools' promotion of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the children.

5. Roles and responsibilities

Responsibility for Collective Worship lies with the Governors and Head teacher.

6. Rota

Monday - 2.50pm Head Teacher/Visitors

Tuesday - Class Teacher

Wednesday - Class Teacher

Thursday - Class Teachers

Friday 2.50pm - Head Teacher

7. Involving Others

We recognise the value that visitors, parent/carer(s), governors and the local and wider community can provide to Collective Worship. Strong links have been established with local churches, ministers and the community and we welcome visitors to enrich assemblies.

8. Procedures and Routines

- Collective Worship is organised so that there is a variety of groupings (whole school, Key Stage and Class), content and leadership.
- It should take place in an appropriate setting.
- Assemblies should last approximately 10 - 15 minutes.
- If religious artefacts are used they should be treated with proper respect.
- Staff are encouraged to use music during assemblies.
- Assemblies should whenever possible include singing and a prayer.
- Assemblies can be linked to class topics, RE themes, whole school activities, a thought for the day and Bible stories.

9. Right of Withdrawal

It is a requirement that all children take part in the schools' assemblies. The only exception to this occurs when parents/carers of a child decide to withdraw him or her on the grounds of conscience. In such circumstances the Head teacher would meet with parent/carer to consider the guidelines. The Head teacher would establish with the parent/carer a working understanding of the issues about which they objected to. The practical implications of withdrawal and the circumstances in which the school could reasonably be expected to accommodate the parents/carers wishes would also be discussed.

10. Conclusion

This policy is intended to provide staff and visitors with guidance when preparing Acts Collective Worship. The policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it reflects current practice in the school.

