

Rollesby Primary School and Nursery

Policy for Collective Worship

The Collective Worship Policy is written in accordance with the aims and values of the school as expressed in the school prospectus.

Definition of Collective Worship

At Rollesby Primary School and Nursery, the daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. Collective Worship is a time when the whole school or Key Stages meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to engage in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Aims of Collective Worship

For the School:

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Rollesby Primary School and Nursery and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- Share common aims and values for living
- Celebrate achievement and special times
- Explore together the world in which we live
- Develop a community spirit
- Sing as a large group

For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Explore their own beliefs
- Develop their spirituality
- Reinforce positive attitudes
- Participate and respond

The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy and informs our practice. To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it should address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' at their own level.

The Management of Collective Worship

It is the role of the Collective Worship Co-ordinator to plan for Collective Worship and ensure that there is continuity and progression.

The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship takes place daily, usually in the hall, and lasts for approximately 20 minutes although it is recognised that this time could be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate. Collective Worship Monitors, who are usually members of Year 6, are responsible for playing the music and getting any resources ready.

Leading Acts of Collective Worship

Every member of the school teaching staff (unless they are a Newly Qualified Teacher) and occasional visitors will be involved in leading acts of worship at some point during the school year, if not on a regular basis. "Open the Book" assemblies are led by members of the local church community on a weekly basis.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

The content of all acts of Collective Worship will be considered carefully, to ensure relevance and suitability for the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of all pupils.

The Values for Life Scheme is used as a basis for planning and is supplemented by materials from "The Assemblies Website" and a selection of other books.

There is a three year rolling programme in place outlining the half termly themes (see Appendix 1). However, special occasions and events, Christian festivals, current and topical issues are also taken into account and planned for. Weekly planning sheets are kept in the Assemblies folder.

The Act of Collective Worship

All acts of Collective Worship reflect the ethos of the school. A variety of teaching and learning styles and active and interactive methods are appropriate. Any and all of the methods employed in the classroom can be used effectively in acts of Collective Worship. Leaders will choose the style / method and resources which are appropriate to the content, the age, the aptitude and the background of the pupils.

The content and process must be sufficiently stimulating in order to evoke a response in the individual. An opportunity is given to pupils to express a response through reflection or prayer. A range of prayers is used including The Lord's Prayer and prayers written by the children. A time of reflection and quiet is sometimes encouraged by the lighting of a candle.

Withdrawal

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act or acts of Collective Worship may request that their child is withdrawn. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with the Headteacher.

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