



Robert Le Kyng Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

Rationale

The Collective Worship Policy at Robert Le Kyng Primary School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the Local Authority through its Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE).

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school, meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity for spiritual reflection through engaging 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 the School. It is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- celebrate achievement and special times
- explore together the world in which we live
- develop a community spirit

For the Pupils:

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

- celebrate that which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- provide time for purposeful self-reflection
- develop their own spirituality
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human

The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, it will, at times, feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. At times, Collective Worship will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

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 students with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

The Management of Collective Worship

The Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring that Collective Worship is delivered in line with this policy.

The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is organised to provide a variety of groupings and will take place in the school hall or in classrooms. Groupings may include year groups, key stages and class groups.

Leadership

Relevant members of the school staff, pupils and occasional visitors will be involved in leading acts of worship at some point during the school year. A schedule outlines termly activities.

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 students. The main theme each term will be based on one of our school 'values' However, this is flexible to allow for the inclusion of current and topical issues.

Visitors will be welcome to lead Collective Worship from time to time and will be given guidance on acts of Collective Worship at the school. Visits from Leaders of Faiths within the area will increase the pupils' awareness, promote respect and raise the esteem of the pupils who belong to these Faiths.

The Act of Collective Worship

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

The content and process must be sufficiently stimulating in order to evoke a response in the individual. This may not be visual, but opportunity must be given to express this response through reflection.

Withdrawal

Any Parent or Carer 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 school. Any pupil who is withdrawn from an act or acts of Collective Worship will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

Impact of Policy

The impact of the Collective Worship Policy will be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team of the school.

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Review: October 2019