

# Lea and Garsdon CE Primary School

## Collective Worship Policy

*Healthy trees bearing good fruit - Matthew 7 v 17*



### **Our Vision**

*To develop children who are healthy in body and mind, enjoy life and fulfil their potential so that they have a positive impact on the world.*

### **Our Core Values**

1. Kindness
2. Wellbeing
3. Gratitude
4. Individuality
5. Community
6. Inspiration

**Policy adopted by the Governors on \_\_\_\_\_**

**Chair of Governor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Headteacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

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### Learning – Everyone Achieving

#### Rationale

The collective worship in the school will provide the opportunity for the school to both share its collective expertise and enhance the spiritual development of all.

#### Legal Requirements

It is a statutory requirement that all schools hold a daily act of collective worship. In this school the act of worship must be in accordance with the school's Trust Deed. Collective worship is provided daily for all pupils except those withdrawn by parents.

Collective worship provided in Lea and Garsdon Church of England Primary School is in the broad traditions of Anglican worship, in accordance with the Trust Deed.

#### Aims

- To model the Christian biblical teachings;
- To foster a sense of fellowship and belonging by bringing pupils together to celebrate shared values of the school and community;
- To foster a sense of wonder and awe at the beauty, mystery and power of the world;
- To allow reflection and response to fundamental questions of life and those things that are of eternal concern to human beings;
- To provide an opportunity for celebration and thanksgiving and a chance to respond appropriately to significant events in the lives of individuals, the school, the locality and internationally;
- To foster a concern for the need of others;
- To provide opportunities to explore spiritual, cultural, social and moral values and foster new insights about life and empathy for others;
- To introduce children to religious language and symbolism at an appropriate level;
- To enable all to develop their own personal faith journey.

#### Structure for Worship

- There is a weekly pattern for Collective Worship.
- Children take an active role within Collective Worship.
- Time is allocated each day for classes to participate in Collective Worship.
- Collective Worship will normally take place in the hall.

## **Planning and Recording**

- Worship is planned and frequently uses the Bible as a source book for inspiration and learning.
- We have a rolling programme for Collective Worship. Each year we look at six of the Dioceses Values for Life themes. Each of these six values is then covered each term.
- Collective Worship is reviewed by staff and children.
- Using prayers, hymns and sometimes psalms to create a framework for worship providing opportunities to discover the value of meditation and silence within the context of Christian worship.

**Worship** will concern itself with a sense of:

- Awe, mystery and wonder;
- Pattern, order and purpose;
- Valuing each individual;
- Awareness of others and relationships;
- Awareness of community – its value and celebrations;
- Awareness of loss, suffering and sadness and opportunity to worship God.
- Thankfulness and joy.

**Worship** contributes to spiritual development by providing opportunities to celebrate that which is good

- To express thankfulness for being alive;
- To share what is meaningful and significant to them;
- Giving time for silent reflection and exploration of inner self;
- By providing different forms of worship and expression, i.e., dance, drama, singing, silence, poetry, art, etc.;
- By providing an environment that is conducive to worship, i.e., with suitable focus and good resources;
- By allowing pupils to respond at their own level;
- Weekly themes on a rolling programme (see planning)
- Arrangements for keeping a brief record and brief evaluation of what has taken place.

## **Who leads worship?**

Collective Worship is led by the Head Teacher, Teachers, Church Youth Team Leader, Church volunteer and guests.

- The R.E Co-ordinator's responsibility is to ensure the policy is relevant.
- In-service training will be sought as appropriate.

## **Collective Worship Team**

Following Jesus' example of team work and the biblical principal of being part of the 'Body of Christ' we believe that children should be actively involved in the planning, delivery and evaluation of Collective Worship. Therefore, children not only participate in Collective

Worship each day but we hope that it has a long lasting effect on their spiritual journey and their lives.

### **Aims of the Collective Worship Team**

- To involve children in the planning of Collective Worship.
- To involve children in the delivery of Collective Worship.
- To involve children in the evaluation of Collective Worship.
- To help children to develop spiritually.
- To develop the leadership skills of children through Collective Worship.
- To enable children to see that everyone is equal and has a part to play in Collective Worship.

### **Structure of Collective Worship Team**

- The group will consist of the R.E. Co-ordinator /Church Youth Team Co-ordinator who leads weekly Collective Worship, nominated children from year one through to year six.
- The group will meet termly to plan and evaluate Collective Worship and look at ways of developing Collective Worship for all members of the school community.
- The children throughout the school will be involved in choosing hymns and prayers to add to Collective Worship.
- All Children will be invited to add to the 'What did I learn / how has Collective Worship effected my life today?' after each Collective Worship.
- Children will serve on a one year basis.

### **Resources**

- Resources are available in RE boxes in house and can be loaned to the school.
- Stories collected over the years to use as a resource
- Focal point for worship – set up in hall.
- Reflective area – at the main entrance of the school.

### **Arrangements for withdrawal**

- Daily worship takes place either in the hall or in class. Parents are entitled to withdraw their children from Religious Education and Collective Worship, although we do intend our assemblies to be suitable for all our children. Those children withdrawn are supervised in the classrooms by adults other than teachers.
- The right of teachers to withdraw is acknowledged

**Review**

This policy for Collective Worship has been formulated in consultation with all teachers, teaching assistants and governors and will be reviewed at least every three years.

**Chair of Governor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Headteacher's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_