

Savile Town CE (C) Infant and Nursery School



Collective Worship Policy – January 2024.

Statement of intent

As a Church of England faith school we believe that the daily act of collective worship is very important in contributing to the Christian ethos that underpins the shared faith values of our school community. We value the opportunities collective worship gives us for bringing the whole school together for worship and promoting our mission statement.

'At Thornhill Lees we are kind and caring and are respectful to everyone. Our school provides a safe environment where children are happy to learn. We wish to inspire future generations of our school and community to become lifelong learners'.

Aims

- To offer the whole school community the opportunity to participate in worship, ensuring that the experiences provided are relevant to the age, aptitude and family background of the children on both an individual and collective basis
- To celebrate things we have in common as a community
- To enable children, staff and visitors to explore and celebrate difference and diversity in safe environment
- To take part in communal acts of silence, listening to music, prayers, reflection and singing
- To be aware of the faiths – Christianity and Islam
- To remember and acknowledge the celebrations shared by people of different faiths
- To give experience of the cultures of different groups of people
- To develop social and moral values and respect for others

Planning for collective worship

Collective worship follows a regular pattern in school.

Monday	Theme assembly	To share stories from Christianity and Islam where appropriate
Tuesday	Class assembly	To practice and learn new songs to sing in collective worship
Wednesday	Class assembly	To share stories from Christianity and Islam where appropriate
Thursday	Singing assembly	To share stories from Christianity and Islam where appropriate
Friday	Celebration Assembly	To invite our parents to come into school and celebrate the children's achievements linked to core values

The School Attendance Award is presented in the Friday assembly to the class with the highest attendance of the week.

We include reception age children into whole school collective worship on a gradual and sensitive basis throughout the year. In Nursery we have a candle and say a prayer every day. Each class say the school prayer in their class assemblies.

Long Term Planning

Themes for collective worship are planned a year ahead in consultation with appropriate staff and taking into account religious festivals that take place.

We aim to encourage the children's active participation through discussion and role play to increase their involvement in collective worship.

Music from a variety of cultures is played at the beginning and end of each collective worship. This is sensitively selected to help create an appropriate mood and atmosphere. Songs are also chosen to reflect the current theme. Opportunities for reflection and stillness are included in collective worship. Children are asked to quietly focus on a particular thought to help develop their spirituality. A candle is often used to create an appropriate mood for reflection.

Our school prayer is led by children at the end of collective worship.

Inset

We take up all opportunities to undertake training in regard to collective worship to help us improve our practice.

Links with the Diocese

We have good links with the Diocese and our foundation governors who all have an open invitation to attend any of our collective worship.

We welcome any opportunities to work with other local CE schools and the Diocese.

Review and Evaluations

The implementation and effectiveness of the policy will be evaluated annually.