



Collective Worship Policy

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Collective Worship at this school is based on the broad tradition of Christian belief, reflecting **the vision**, values and the ethos of the school. It makes a fundamental contribution to children's spiritual, social, cultural and moral development.

We have a daily act of worship attended by all children, unless withdrawn by parental request. If a child is withdrawn, they are encouraged to use the time to reflect on their own values, with the use of written material. As a voluntary controlled church school, we seek to maintain Christian morals and values, evident in the high quality relationships that exist throughout the school. The values that are central to our worship are: love, honesty and forgiveness and the vision, which is central to all Worship, is based around Luke 10:27 Love your neighbour as you love yourself. Each of the values is explored through a biblical context. Our values are further emphasised through our close links with the two parish churches of St Andrew's in Frimley Green and St Peter's in Frimley. Rohan Mohanty (Youth and Children's worker at St Andrews Church) and representatives from St Peter's church, regularly assist in our daily act of worship. We use our parish churches (when possible) to celebrate Harvest Festival, Easter and end of year services to which the wider school family, including parents and governors, are invited. Year 6 children attend the leavers service at Guildford Cathedral.

Collective Worship is planned around the values, each one being the main focus for a term and we teach and explore the British Values alongside our school values. Our school enrichment days are based around our values and other areas of personal development. Within this overall framework of Collective Worship, particular attention is paid to important festivals in the Christian calendar and other events/news which is relevant to our school community.

The format of Worship

All sessions of worship begin by lighting the candle. Then there is always an input, sometimes we sing and then worship always closes with a time of reflection and a prayer. Children are invited to join in with the prayer (when it is the school prayer) and join in with the Amen of other prayers if they want to make it their prayer too.

Our worship provides us with opportunities to:

- Introduce children to elements of worship such as hymns, prayer and praise.
- Celebrate religious festivals and traditions (mainly Christian).
- Understand the Trinity.
- Explore fundamental British Values.
- Understand what it is to be a global citizen.
- Understand what it is to be a courageous advocate.
- Provide an opportunity for all to reflect on their own experience and individuality, in order to develop spirituality; to consider emotions such as joy, hope, friendship, acceptance, reverence, forgiveness, reconciliation etc.
- Maintain whole school unity by celebrating positive aspects and values of school and family life.
- Celebrate our children's experiences and achievements.
- Foster a concern for the needs of others and provide the experience of being part of a caring community.
- Foster a sense of awe and wonder at the world around them.
- Experience different speakers such as ministers of different denominations and charity representatives.
- Develop the sense of community.
- Respond to a prayer together, sometimes this is the school prayer and sometimes it is a prayer written by children or members of staff.

The Collective Worship leader has set up a collective worship evaluation schedule which involves evaluations by pupils and members of staff. The school's Worship Team has also surveyed the children about the impact of the values and collective worship on them and plans and leads some acts of Collective Worship. The Collective Worship leader collects together the evidence and develops the collective worship provision in response to this.

ORGANISATION – normal timetable:

Monday	Values Worship is delivered by the headteacher or Rohan Mohanty (Youth and Children’s worker at St Andrews Church) and is based around the value. This is to the whole school in the school hall. As part of this children can make suggestions about what to pray for and have their own time for prayer and reflection.
Tuesday	Spiritual Worship is delivered by the class teacher and based around ‘big questions’ and how to develop spirituality. These resources are created by the Collective Worship leader. Reflection/prayer time is based around the ‘big question’ or idea which has been explored.
Wednesday	Global Worship or Personal Development Worship is delivered by one of SLT to the whole school in the school hall, it is based around global and topical events/issues. Reflection/prayer time is based around global issues and how children can make a difference to the world they live in.
Thursday	Tech Thursday Worship is also delivered by the class teacher and is based on an area of online safety. This is created by the Computing Leader and is in response to current online safety trends and needs. The reflection in this worship is based around this Bible verse: <i>Philippians 4:8 ‘Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things’</i> . Reflection/prayer time is based around safety and encouraging children to make the right choices.
Friday	Celebration Worship led by the Head teacher in the school hall. Reflection/prayer time is based on the school prayer (see appendix 2).

Resources

Every class has the following displayed:

- The Frimley school vision and values
- British Values with their definitions
- The Storyteller Bible
- The school prayer
- Behaviour strategy linked to forgiveness and reconciliation.
- The class charter agreed by all members of the class

On a values and ethos board

Other resources include study boxes (documents, photographs and artefacts), books and multimedia resources (available through the curriculum server) for use on the Interactive White boards. Sets of Bibles are also available.

Agreed by Patricia Davies, Foundation member of the AQC

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Appendix 1: Frimley school vision

‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ Luke 10: 27

Our vision is to give everybody the opportunity to be confident and caring citizens and to flourish in an inclusive and nurturing environment. We walk together to follow Jesus’ example by valuing and cherishing all, giving everyone the skills and knowledge to make good and courageous life choices to help ourselves, others and our world.

Appendix 2: Frimley School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for helping me to keep safe and healthy. Please help me to make good choices, respecting myself, other people and the world. Show me how to take responsibility for my actions and my learning.

Even when things are difficult help me to persevere so that I can become the best person I can be.

Amen