



## Collective Worship Policy

**Policy Originator:** R. Farage

**Governor responsible:** Awaiting appointment of a foundation governor from St Andrews Church

**Review Period:** Annual

**Next Review Date:** Summer 2021

Collective Worship at this school is based on the broad tradition of Christian belief, reflecting those 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We have a daily act of worship attended by all children, unless withdrawn by parental request. If a child is withdrawn, they are encouraged to use the time to reflect on their own values, with the use of written material.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: perseverance, respect, responsibility, honesty, love and collaboration. Each of the values is linked to a bible story to explain the value 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. Candy Price (St Andrew's Church), and Canon Stuart (St Peter's Church), regularly assist in our daily act of worship. We use our parish churches (when possible) to celebrate Harvest Festival and Easter services to which the wider school family, including parents and governors, are invited. Year 6 attend the leavers service at Guildford Cathedral.

Collective Worship is planned around the values, each one being the main focus for half a term and we teach and explore a different British Value termly. Our school enrichment days are based around one of our school values or one of the British Values. 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.

Our assemblies provide 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

- Provide an opportunity for all to reflect on their own experience, in order to develop spirituality; to consider emotions such as joy, hope, friendship, acceptance, reverence, forgiveness 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, inviting parents into class assemblies, and members of the clergy in regularly.
- 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 surveys 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 feeds this back to middle and senior leadership termly so that Collective Worship can be improved.

**ORGANISATION – normal timetable:**

Monday	Head Teacher and Canon – Introduces a school-based challenge for pupils linked to our values
Tuesday	<b>Explicit spirituality teaching/exploration and British Value teaching/exploration and hymn practice- Deputy Headteacher and Collective Worship Leader</b>
Wednesday	Class assembly or in-class reflection
Thursday	Member of the clergy/church- Candy Price (youth minister)
Friday	Head Teacher – Celebration assembly

**Resources**

Every class has the following displayed:

- Values tree with bible story links
- British Values with their definitions
- The school prayer
- Focus of the week sign
- R.E. work/photos/evidence

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.

**Date: Summer 2020**