



## Collective Worship Policy

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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We have a daily act of worship attended by all children, unless withdrawn by parental request. If a child is withdrawn, they are encouraged to use the time to reflect on their own values, with the use of written material.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 (see appendix 1) 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. Rohan Mohanty (Youth and Children's worker at St Andrews 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 our 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 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, 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 so that Collective Worship can be improved.

**ORGANISATION – normal timetable:**

Monday	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.
Tuesday	Worship is delivered by the class teacher and based around the British Values and how to develop spirituality. These resources are created by the Collective Worship leader.
Wednesday	Worship is delivered one of SLT to the whole school in the school hall, it is based around the school value and topical events.
Thursday	Worship is also delivered by the class teacher and is based around an area of well-being which is relevant to the children at the time. This is also created by the Mental Health and Computing Leader and is on the whole called ‘Tech Thursday’.
Friday	Head Teacher – Celebration assembly in the school hall.

**Resources**

Every class has the following displayed:

- Values tree with bible story links
- British Values with their definitions
- The Storyteller Bible
- The school prayer
- Behaviour strategy linked to forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Focus of the week sign
- R.E. work/photos/evidence

On a values and ethos board (see an example in appendix 2)

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.

**Checked by Patricia Davies, Foundation member of the AQC**

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Appendix 1: Bible story links to values



Through Christian values of Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Honesty, Collaboration and Love we encourage the children to enjoy learning for life, to care for and respect each other and to take pride in all they do.

Every half term we focus on a different value. Here are the values and biblical links so that you can encourage the use of values at home.



Appendix 2: Values and ethos board examples

