



COTTESBROOKE INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

An Academy

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Collective Worship

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to draw your attention to our school's policy and practice for collective worship.

We are a multi-faith school and are proud to serve members of the community from different backgrounds and cultures. We reflect this diversity through celebrating customs and festivals from a range of religions, including, Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and Buddhist throughout the year.

Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, all maintained schools must provide an act of daily collective worship for registered pupils which must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. In the case of our school this includes children from Reception to Year Two. Our Nursery Class does not engage in a daily Act of Collective Worship, however, they do participate in Festival or other Celebration assemblies as appropriate.

To meet these requirements our daily act of worship consists of us saying a prayer or blessing in class each day or saying our school blessing in assembly. The words of our school blessing are as follow:

O Lord, bless our school, so that working together and playing together, we may learn to serve you and serve one another.

Under the legislation, all children of school age are expected to engage in a daily act of collective worship unless their parents specifically ask that they be excluded. When we say a prayer or blessing, the children are told that they can join in if they think they should and to remain quiet and respectful.

As you are aware, this forms part of our school ethos and makes Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School the caring and nurturing place that it is.

If you would like to discuss this matter further please arrange an appointment with me from the school office. A copy of the Collective Worship Policy is available on our website or on request.

Mr W Loughlin
Head Teacher