

Leamington Hastings C.of E. Infant and Nursery School

Collective Worship Policy

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The purpose of this document is to state the nature and purpose of collective worship. It is written to fulfil the requirements of Coventry Diocesan Board of Education:

- for the information and agreement of teaching;
- to support staff, visiting speakers, governors, parents and inspectors.

At Leamington Hastings C. of E. Infant and Nursery School, we believe that Collective Worship is “An expression of our devotion to God.”

Aims

Our aims in worship are:

- to make worship central to our daily life in school;
- to reflect our Anglican tradition;
- to provide an opportunity for pupils to worship God;
- to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- for children to be able to explore their own beliefs by encouraging them to respond and participate;
- to encourage participation and response;
- to develop a community spirit;
- to promote a common ethos and shared values;
- to reinforce positive attitudes.

Collective Worship is important in our school because:

- it is consistent with the school mission statement and aims expressed in the school prospectus;
- it is consistent with Diocesan guidelines of Collective Worship;
- as a C.E Controlled School the promotion of broadly Christian beliefs and values through worship are a central focus.

Organisation of Collective Worship

- Collective Worship, subject to the right of withdrawal, is intended to be appropriate for, and to include, all pupils attending the school.
- Hymns are sung and may be accompanied by a piano or CD.
- Collective Worship takes place at 11.20 a.m. Monday –Thursday, and at 1.10 on Friday in the school hall. The time may be changed for special occasions. The assembly on Monday is a Celebration Assembly.
- Acts of worship to celebrate Christian Festivals also take place at the appropriate time of year.
- A termly act of worship takes place at All Saints Church or at another church in the Leam Valley Parishes, to which parents, relatives and friends are invited.
- Other Church Leaders are invited to lead worship from time to time.

The Planning of Collective Worship

- Planning of themes is undertaken by the co ordinator alongside the member of clergy with responsibility for the school or his/her representative.
- Planning takes into account that acts of worship are educational in approach, and therefore they take account of age, aptitude, progression and continuity. Suggested hymns are provided.
- A termly plan and daily records are recorded in the assembly record file.

Withdrawal Rights

- Parents have a right to withdraw their child from attending Collective Worship and are not obliged to give reasons.
- The school gives effect to any such request.
- The Head Teacher will establish with the parent, through discussion, the elements of worship in which the parent would object to the child taking part.
- The practical implications of withdrawal and whether the parent will require advanced notice of such worship, and if so, how much, will be considered.

Monitoring and Evaluation of Collective Worship is undertaken by school Governors.