



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

POLICY

FOR VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS WITHIN

THE KEYS FEDERATION ACADEMY TRUST

St. Peter's C. of E. Primary School, Hindley
St. John's C. of E. Primary School, Hindley Green
St. John's C. of E. Primary School, Abram



March 2017

Collective Worship Policy

As revised by the staff during the Spring Term 2017

Mission Statement

The voluntary aided schools within The Keys Federation Academy Trust aim to serve the needs of the children of the Parishes, and neighbouring Parishes, in accordance with their Christian Mission statements.

Our aim is to fulfil each child's potential to ensure an enriched and life-enhancing Christian education.

Aims

- To provide opportunity for pupils and staff to worship God, consider spiritual and moral issues and explore their own beliefs, incorporating the teaching of Christian Values.
- To encourage pupils to participate and respond through active involvement in the presentation of worship and listening and actively joining in worship.
- To develop community spirit.
- To promote a common ethos and shared values.
- To reinforce positive attitudes.
- To provide the pupils with an understanding of Worship and a knowledge of the great prayers of the Christian Church to take with them into adult life.

These should enable pupils and staff to explore their faith, encounter God and experience quality Worship time.

Philosophy

Worship at Schools within The Keys Federation Academy Trust will afford opportunities for all children to have experience of the spiritual and emotional elements of situations personal to them, the local community and the outside world.

It is hoped that these experiences will enable each and every child to:

1. Become aware of the world around them.
2. Gain an insight into what is meant by religion, specifically the Christian faith, and develop skills which will enable them to appreciate religious ideas and practices of the Church of England.
3. Form their own views and beliefs.
4. Develop a respect for themselves and others both morally and socially.
5. Give time to reflect on and reverence God's World and our part in it.

It is hoped that through Worship our Christian Values permeate into other areas of the curriculum and are consolidated, to continue to develop within each child, sensitivity and perception towards other people's feelings and thoughts. It is important to see Worship within the context of the whole curriculum, the life of the school and the child's experiences outside school, while at the same time making it a special and separate event. Worship experiences that emanate from other things in school are often the most meaningful and valuable ones.

Timetable in St. Peter's

Day	Time	Audience and Type	Responsibility
Monday	3.00-3.20	Whole School Worship	Principal
Tuesday	3.00-3.20	Whole School Worship	Principal/Class teachers
Wednesday	3.00-3.20	Whole School Worship	Principal/Vicar/ Visiting Clergy
Thursday	3.00-3.20	Whole School Celebration Assembly	Assistant Principals

Friday	3.00-3.20	Class assembly/Class Worship/ Compline (KS2)/Communion	Class teachers Led by KS2 staff
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Timetable in St. John's, Hindley Green

Day	Time	Audience and Type	Responsibility
Monday	3.00-3.25	Whole School Worship	Principal
Tuesday	3.00-3.25	Whole School Worship	Vicar
Wednesday	3.00-3.25	Whole School Worship	TLR teacher/Class teachers/Class worship/Visiting Clergy
Thursday	3.00-3.25	KS1/KS2 – Class Assembly/Circle Time/Reflection Time	Class Teachers
Friday	3.00-3.25	Whole School – Celebration Assembly	Class Teachers

**Alternate Fridays is KS2 Compline, led by Key Stage 2 staff*

Timetable in St. John's, Abram

Day	Time	Audience and Type	Responsibility
Monday	3.00-3.25	Whole School Worship	Principal/Assistant Principals
Tuesday	3.00-3.25	Whole School Worship	TLR teacher/ Assistant Principals/ Class worship/ Visiting Clergy
Wednesday	3.00-3.25	Whole School Worship	Vicar/Principal
Thursday	3.00-3.25	Whole School – Celebration Assembly	Principal and Class Teachers
Friday	3.00-3.25	KS1/KS2 – Class Assembly/Circle Time/Reflection Time	Class Teachers

**Alternate Fridays is KS2 Compline, led by Key Stage 2 staff*

Content

The content of worship is supported by the Diocesan recommended syllabus, by the Christian values we hold dear as schools, through themes appropriate to developments within our schools, our communities or the wider world and taken from the Christian Values for Life folder. It should have flexibility to respond to significant and relevant global events. A plan for each term is constructed by the Worship Co-ordinator and supported by appropriate resources. This plan has opportunity for feedback and evaluation by the worship leaders. The Lord's Prayer is said and also signed in St. Peter's. Additional prayers to reflect the theme are also said.

Five elements to be included in Worship:

1. Biblical
2. World faiths
3. The World around us
4. Celebration
5. School Life

Variety of activities which could be included in Worship:

song	reading from varied sources	movement
speech	defined order	stillness
silence	free expression	personal actions
formal seating	procession/ritual action	group actions
free seating	artistic imagery	priestly role
sitting	use of senses	non priestly role
standing	special clothing	
sermons	explanations	expected
unexpected	eyes open	eyes closed

meditation
music
ICT

contemplation
reflection
Role Play

prayer
drama
Video/DVD

Visitors

We readily accept participation from members outside the school community including church members and other agencies. We aim to have at least one visitor to Worship each term, excluding the Vicar.

All visitors invited to lead Worship will be made aware of the school policy in writing (see appendices). The Principal is responsible for making such visitors aware of the legal requirements. The schools should ensure that the presentation and delivery of worship is appropriate to the age, ability and background of the pupils. Offers to lead worship should be carefully considered by the schools which always retain the right to refuse.

Views of the Children/Evaluation/Feedback

The children are encouraged at the end of worship to discuss the parts they most and least liked. Children freely discuss this with the Principals as they exit school each day, in doing so they are encouraged to comment on the Worship evaluation display next to the altar. More thorough evaluation takes place each term with children from each class asked for their opinions on delivery, style, content, hymns, prayers and the whole presentation of worship. Staff comment in constructive ways to support those leading worship to ensure outstanding standards as upheld. Views are considered carefully and amendments made, as appropriate.

Resources

Printed resources are available within the Principals' Offices. The Diocesan website offers many links to sites to support the delivery of worship themes as well as powerpoint presentations. Teachernet offers some links to worship themes delivered through modern themes.

This policy has been reviewed with due regard to the Equality Act 2010 during the Spring Term 2017 and Directors are aware of its contents.

Signed
Chief Executive Officer

Letter for visiting Worship Leaders

Dear

Thank you so much for agreeing to lead Worship in our school. Here are some details that may help you.

Worship begins at 3.00 pm and ends no later than 3.15 pm.

For acts of Worship, children enter and leave the hall in silence. The candle(s) will be lit. Music is played during this time. When all children and staff are present, the Worship leader says Good afternoon to the children.

At the close of Worship, the person leading Worship chooses a Reception class child to extinguish the candles, signifying the end of Worship.

During Worship we sing a hymn. Please let us know if you would like a particular hymn or song, or if you will be bringing your own music for the children to enter and leave to. Of course, if you would prefer, we will choose these for you.

Please contact me at school to discuss this or any other queries you may have.

Thank you once more for giving us your time and inspiration!

We look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Letter following a telephone conversation

Dear

You have agreed to lead Worship on

Worship on this day is

There is a theme, notes are included.

There are approximately children, aged between 4 and 11.

Please let us know your wishes regarding hymns and music.

At the start of prayers is it helpful to remind the children to speak quietly and not too quickly!

Thank you for sharing Worship with us!

Yours sincerely,

Principal