



Collective Worship Policy

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AIMS

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- To provide an opportunity for the children to learn about Christian values and those of other cultures
- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues
- To encourage participation and response
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes
- To teach children how Christians worship
- To understand and be encouraged to carry out British values
- To develop responsible, respectful and active citizens who are able to play their part and become actively involved in public life as adults
- To develop and deepen pupils' understanding of the fundamental British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law and mutual respect and tolerance
- To promote equality of opportunity so that all pupils can thrive together, understanding that difference is a positive, not a negative, and that individual characteristics make people unique
- To promote an inclusive environment that meets the needs of all pupils, irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation
- To develop pupils' character, which we define as a set of positive personal traits, dispositions and virtues that informs their motivation and guides their conduct so that they reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well with others. This gives pupils the qualities they need to flourish in our society

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Collective worship involves all members of the school community.

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act which states that collective worship should be "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character", we usually base our assemblies on the British values, the teachings of Christ and of the Church. However, we try to conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school community.

While the majority of acts of worship in the school are Christian, we also hold assemblies that reflect moral values and which reflect other religious traditions that are represented in the school and in the wider community. Through our assemblies, we constantly strive to reinforce our school values, whilst ensuring our children have respect for the protected characteristics within our society. The primary aim behind our collective worship is to play a key role in developing the culture capital of every child, whilst crucially helping in preparing pupils for their adult lives, teaching them to understand how to engage with society and providing them with plentiful opportunities to do so.

ORGANISATION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

All children participate in a daily act of collective worship. This may take the form of whole school or class assemblies. This is also linked to our citizenship and RE skills progressions, which are an integral part of school life.

Our assemblies may also reflect the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in assemblies and prayers, to display their work to other children and to raise issues which they may have discussed in their classes. Assemblies offer an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and that all achievements are recognised.

Collective worship is also an integral part of RE lessons. Wherever possible, every RE lesson is purposeful, meaningful and a relevant experience in the children's lives. This message is then extended into all areas of school life, as worship and RE learning for life is central to all we do.

We invite parents, carers and friends from the community to celebrate reward assemblies termly, **and to join us in celebrating harvest, Easter and Christmas either at school or at All Saints Church.** As this promotes the community spirit of the school and is a practical demonstration of the partnership between the home and the school **and the local community** working together to support our children.

RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL

Any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship.

Adaptive Teaching

The National Curriculum provides a broad and balanced education for all children. Throughout all teaching and learning at Newlands, we provide opportunities that enable all pupils to make good progress. We do this by setting suitable challenges and responding to each child's individual needs, as well as choosing activities to suit each year group and lesson. Teaching is adapted to meet the needs of all pupils. Appropriate support, whether adult support or the use of manipulatives or other extra learning resources, is given to any child that needs it to move their learning forwards.

Monitor and Review

We continually review our objectives in relation to any changes in our school profile. Our objectives will sit in our overall school improvement plan and therefore will be reviewed as part of this process.