



Charmouth Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Worship God
- Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and of their own beliefs
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Respond to the worship offered

Statutory Duty of School

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents – see below). This is usually provided within a daily assembly.

The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the head teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly or class time, will:

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- Include a variety of elements at different times
- Include a time of reflection and/or a prayer
- Involve the pupils

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy regularly and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

The Right of Parents to Withdraw Their Child

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from Religious Education (RE) and Collective Worship. If a parent asks for their child to be wholly or partly excused from attending any RE or collective worship at the school, the school must comply unless the request is withdrawn.

A school remains responsible for the supervision of any child withdrawn from RE or collective worship, unless the child is lawfully receiving RE, or taking part in collective worship elsewhere.

Signature of Chair of Performance and Standards Committee: Jan Coleman

Signature of Headteacher: Gillian Morris

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Reviewed every 3 years