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Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Aims of Collective Worship

For the School:

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Armley Park Primary School and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- Share common aims and values
- Celebrate achievement and special times
- Explore together the world in which we live
- Develop a community spirit
- Reinforce the school values and expectation

For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Explore their own beliefs
- Develop their own spirituality
- Reinforce positive attitudes
- Participate and respond
- Reflect on what it means to be human
- Reinforce the school values and expectations
- Reinforce and develop a deeper understanding of British Values

The Contribution of Collective Worship to Aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, at Armley Park Primary School, Collective Worship will, at times, feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. At times, Collective Worship will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives. The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy which informs our practice.

We ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development by addressing a wide variety of themes and topics; using diverse stimuli and resources; and providing pupils with the opportunity to respond.

The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is organised to provide a variety of groupings and usually takes place in the school hall. Collective worship usually lasts for approximately 15 minutes for all pupils, although it is recognized that this time will be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate.

Leadership

Different members of the school staff, pupils and occasional visitors will be involved in leading acts of worship at some point in the school year and a member of the Leadership Team or a Phase Leader will attend each assembly.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

The content of all acts of Collective Worship will be considered carefully, to ensure relevance and suitability for pupils. Planned themes are linked to educating all about school values, British Values; special occasions and events, but will be flexible to allow the inclusion of current and topical issues. Visitors will be welcome to lead Collective Worship in line with Armley Park's safeguarding policy.

The Act of Collective Worship

A variety of teaching and learning styles and active and interactive methods are appropriate in acts of Collective Worship. Leaders will choose the style/method and resources which are appropriate to the pupils. Acts of Collective Worship include group singing and a prayer. The prayer offers an opportunity for reflection by children and there is an expectation that children are quiet during this time.

If announcements are to be given during the assembly, then these will take place at the end of the act of worship. These announcements will be of a positive nature, which at times may enhance the act of worship itself.

Parental Involvement

Parents are aware of the Collective Worship assemblies through the information distributed to all families at the start of every year, through meet the teacher events and via the weekly newsletter.

Right of withdrawal

We expect all children to attend assembly. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending all or part of collective worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act. The Headteacher is informed of all children who withdraw from collective worship.

Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed by the school leaders who will report changes to the local governing body if necessary.

**This Collective Worship Policy was adopted by Armley Park Primary School
on 18/11/2020**

Chair of Governors – Mr. B. Tummons		
Signature:		
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REVIEW RECORD

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08/02/2023	Agreed review schedule.	February 2025

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On behalf of APPS Full Board

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