All Saints, Church of England Primary School

Collective Worship Policy



Proverbs 22: 6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

"This Policy should be taken and used as part of All Saints Church of England School's overall strategy; and applied and interpreted within the context of our vision, our instrument of Government, and our Aims and Values as a Church of England School"

Rationale

To provide an opportunity for children to participate in shared experiences of reflection, wonder and praise to God in accordance with the requirements of the Education reform act of 1988, the Trust Deed of the School and the recommendations of the Diocesan Board of Education (Framework for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools).

Aims

1. To encourage children's natural sense of wonder and to develop their qualities of curiosity, celebration, faith and gratitude which form the foundation of the worship of God.

2. Contribute to children's spiritual, moral and cultural development.

3. Enable children to reflect specifically on Christian values and beliefs.

4. Foster a sense of community and unity within the school.

5. To offer children an opportunity for the understanding of God in a way that is individual and appropriate for them, and which allows them to be comfortable in worship.

Organisation

1. There will be an act of worship for the whole school or each individual class every day.

2. The act of worship will be planned and organised by the RE subject leader in consultation with the Rector of All Saints' Church, and may be taken by members of staff, the Rector or by carefully chosen visitors. Pupils will be involved in the delivery of Collective Worship.

3. Collective worship will be of Christian distinctiveness. Refencing the Bible and building a pupils personal spirituality.

4. The RW co-ordinator will seek regular evaluation of collective worship in writing by both pupils and staff, review the comments made with the Rector and act upon them.

5. The school will make resources available and will support professional development and training for all who plan or regularly lead collective worship.

Guidelines

1. An act of worship within the school community will always have as its key objective the understanding and worship of God within the Christian tradition consistent with the Christian Foundation of the school and the guidelines set out by the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

2. It is distinctly different from a secular assembly by virtue of its religious objective.

3. Acts of worship may take place in church, in the parish rooms or in school. This would normally include the school vision, a bible story, reflection and school prayer.

4. Worship will be planned to take account of the major festivals of the church and the curriculum plan of the school especially the Religion and Worldviews curriculum.

5. Acts of worship should be seen as opportunities to include the whole school community, especially the pupils and staff. Parents, family members or carers will be invited to some acts of worship as and when appropriate.

Equal Opportunities

This policy should be read in conjunction with the school policies on equal opportunities and special needs.

The Education Reform Act 1988 makes provision for pupils and teachers to withdraw from collective worship. Parents wishing to exercise this right are asked to express their wish in writing to the head teacher. Provision is also made for staff who wish to withdraw from collective worship. Staff wishing to exercise this right are asked to express their wish in writing to the head teacher. These rights are also stated in the school prospectus.

Conclusion
Children should see the Act of Worship as a place where staff and pupils may express joy and thankfulness, share concerns and experiences and affirm their beliefs and values of the school community and the Christian church of which they are part.

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