



Digby & Dunston St Peter's

Church of England Primary School Federation

Executive Headteacher: Mr G Boyall



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Our Core Christian Values are: Friendship, Respect and Honesty

Our Mission

To enable all of our pupils to become:

- successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve their full potential;
- confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives with a respectful understanding of Christian values;
- responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.

Our Aims

- We will offer an excellent 'small village school' environment whilst maintaining sufficient pupil numbers to fund the resources needed to achieve excellence in teaching.
- We believe that every pupil is unique in the sight of God. As Church of England Schools we aim to create an atmosphere of serving Christ in others and to provide a Christian environment for every pupil, including opportunities to worship together and with our local community. At the same time, we will play an important role in the local Christian community whilst ensuring that all faiths are also valued and understood.
- We will work together, through Federation and Collaborative Partnership, sharing facilities, resources and expertise, to help improve all schools in the Partnership and safeguard the future of small schools in the area.

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1. Entitlement and Statutory Requirement

- 1.1 The act of Collective Worship in our schools will be broadly Christian in character but will also allow for a range of beliefs.
- 1.2 Children will be engaged in whole school Collective Worship on three days of the week and in class Collective Worship on one day. In addition there will be a weekly hymn practice.
- 1.3 Parents must write to the Headteacher if their child is not to participate in Collective Worship.

2. Nature and Purpose of Collective Worship

- 2.1 Our schools' Collective Worship derives from the Christian tradition. We aim to reflect our schools Anglican foundation. Collective Worship enables staff and pupils to come together as a community. It is a special time of the day for celebration, prayer and reflection and one which enables everyone to develop their spiritual dimension, knowledge, experience and imaginative understanding.
- 2.2 The beginning of Collective Worship is always marked by the lighting of a candle and the saying together of the following liturgy:

Father God, as we light this candle,

Let us remember that you are the light of the world.

Let all of us here at Digby/Dunston, light the world with our values of respect, honesty and friendship.
- 2.3 A range of symbols will be used as a focal point including the candle, cloth, table and cross. An image is displayed every week related to the worship focus. Time will be provided during worship for silence and reflection.
- 2.4 All of the leaders of worship will encourage interaction and pupil involvement in all aspects of the worship itself.
- 2.5. Music will play an important part in Collective Worship. It enables everyone to enjoy, reflect upon and appreciate a range of music. Worship will include the singing of hymns and songs.

2.6. We take the themes of our Collective Worship from the traditions of the Christian faith. We observe the festivals and mark the events of the Christian calendar. We also reflect on our three core and other Christian values as well as Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL). Worship is carefully planned to bring together these aspects.

2.7 Collective Worship encourages pupils to develop core values in order to interact responsibly with the world and society and have an awareness of the needs of others.

3. Implementation

3.1 Collective Worship will be carried out in whole school assemblies or in class groups. This will normally involve three whole school assemblies, one whole school hymn practice and one class assembly. The rector at Dunston and the local Methodist Minister (at both schools) will also lead worship on a regular basis. The Bishop's Visitors will lead worship every term.

3.2 The pupils will worship in the local church (St. Thomas' at Digby and St. Peter's at Dunston) at least six times per year, including at Christmas, Easter and at the end of the school year.

3.3 Staff who lead worship will follow the agreed weekly themes but will also take the opportunity to respond to events that impact on the school or wider community.

3.4 Pupils, alongside adults, will have opportunities to offer their own prayers or contribute to prayers on a regular basis.

3.5 Collective Worship will provide opportunities for everyone, pupils and adults, to take a lead or participate.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

4.1 The views of participants in worship will be collected formally by staff and governors on an annual basis to evaluate the quality and impact of Collective Worship.

4.2 The headteacher will report annually to the Governors' Achievements and Standards Committee on the impact of Collective Worship.