



'Inspiring Confident Learners, Reflecting Christian Values'

Collective Worship Policy:

Philosophy

To reflect the Christian ethos of the school and contribute to the spiritual, moral and personal development of all children.

Develop an understanding of Christian worship, taking into account the children's age, experience and background.

Promote a sense of awe and wonder drawing on a variety of experiences and religious expression.

As a fully inclusive school we are committed to our equal opportunities policy, for which every child matters.

We have a whole school approach to promoting Basic Skills in every aspect of reading and learning.

Aims

- To worship God
- To promote our core values of Compassion Community & Friendship
- Develop awareness of themselves as an individual
- Reflect on Christian values
- Encourage respect for others and the world around them
- Welcome Families, Community, Filey Churches together, to be involved
- Experience times of prayer, reflection and meditation
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Celebrate religious festivals, particularly those in the Christian calendar
- Involve children
- Celebrate children's achievements from both home and school
- Develop Christian ethos, community spirit and values

Evaluation

- Use the National Society Toolkit as a basis for evaluation
- Staff and Governors to attend relevant courses arranged by the Diocese and NYCC, follow advice from their advisors
- Update resources when appropriate
- Evaluate contributions made by visitors

- Consider feedback from, children, staff, parents and Governors
- This policy will be reviewed regularly to assess its implementation and effectiveness

Guidelines

We follow the guidelines set out in the North Yorkshire Syllabus and the Diocese of York Guidelines, "Worship Works".

Planning

Half-termly plans will be drawn up by the Headteacher and these may be used for the development of RE/PSCHE in the classroom. They will reflect the Christian ethos of the school and incorporate SEAL themes and activities.

Delivery

This will be done by the Headteacher/Senior Teacher plus other members of staff when appropriate. Visitors will be asked to contribute in Collective Worship. The format may include use of artefacts, story and music and will include celebration of Christian festivals, time for prayer, reflection and meditation. Services will be held at St Johns Church for Harvest, Christingle and Easter.

Individual classes will be invited to lead worship. Children are encouraged to share their prayers during worship.

Foundation Stage children join the rest of the school on a Thursday for hymn singing and a Friday for our celebration worship.

Resources

These are found in the central store in the hall, including books. Staff access a range of web-sites to assist in planning.

Equal Opportunities

We will follow the school Equal Opportunities Policy.

We respect the right of parents to withdraw children from collective worship.

Teachers may withdraw on the grounds of religious opinions or practice.

Parents and Governors will be invited to join celebration, collective worship and to join class assemblies on a rota throughout the year.

Signed: *Christine Wilson* **Date:** 12/9/19

Chair of Governors

Date of review: September 2020