



Filey C E Nursery & Infants Academy

Collective Worship Policy

'Inspiring Confident Learners, Reflecting Christian Values'

We endeavour to uphold Christian teaching to:

"Shine as lights in the world and love as Jesus loves us" (Philippians 2:15, John 13.34)

Our school is a Church of England School rooted in 'Compassion, Community and Friendship'.

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.

Aims

- To worship God
- To promote our core values of Community, **Compassion & Friendship**
- Develop awareness of themselves as an individual
- Reflect on Christian values
- Encourage respect for others and the world around them
- Welcome Families **and the Community.**
- Experience times of **invitational prayer, reflection and meditation**
- Consider spiritual and moral global issues
- Celebrate religious festivals, particularly those in the Christian calendar
- Involve children following the structure of '**Gather, Engage, Respond and Send**'
- Celebrate children's achievements from both home and school
- Develop Christian ethos, community spirit and core values

Evaluation

- We use the Church of England Education Offices on-gong SIAMS self evaluation tool.
- Staff and Governors to attend relevant **training arranged by the Diocese and Ebor Academy**

Trust

- Update resources when appropriate
- Evaluate contributions made by visitors
- Consider feedback from, children, staff, parents and Governors and link **Academy Trustee**
- This policy will be reviewed regularly to assess its intent, implementation and impact

Planning

Half-termly plans will be drawn up by the Headteacher and shared with all staff and Governors. They will reflect the Christian ethos of the school and include Journey through the Bible, Roots and Fruits, Picture News, Open the Book, hymn singing and invitational prayer.

Delivery

This will be done by the Headteacher/Senior Teachers plus other members of staff when appropriate. Visitors will be asked to contribute towards Collective Worship. The format may include use of artefacts, story and music and will include celebration of Christian festivals, time for invitational 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 own prayers during worship.

Resources

Picture News, Roots and Fruits, Journey through the Bible, Jack in the Box and Oscar out of the Box are resources used weekly in Collective Worship.

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 worship on a rota throughout the year.

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