



Manor Primary School Policy Document

Collective Worship Policy

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Our vision is to create a school community where children grow into happy, confident and responsible individuals, who work hard together to achieve their full potential.'

The legal requirements for Collective Worship

The Headteacher is responsible (under the Education Act 1996) for providing daily collective worship for all registered pupils of statutory school age.

The 1988 Education Act stated that:

- All pupils must take part in a collective act of worship every day.
- The act of collective worship may be as a whole school or in different age groupings. It may happen at any time of the school day.
- It has to take place on school premises.
- The headteacher is responsible for ensuring the legal requirements for Collective Worship are met.
- All staff, including the headteacher, have the legal right to withdraw from the Act of Collective worship. The headteacher remains responsible for finding someone suitable to organise and lead the acts of worship.
- All parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship, wholly or partially. The school's responsibility for the child's health and safety is still paramount.

The aims of Collective Worship at Manor Primary School

At Manor Primary School we acknowledge that our school community is not a 'worshipping community' in the same sense as a local church or a church school. However, we provide daily acts of Collective Worship which reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief and which help children understand the features of worship in a believing Christian community. These are:

- thanks
- reflection
- forgiveness
- friendship
- saying sorry
- celebration
- generosity
- sharing

The law also requires us to provide pupils with an opportunity to worship God as part of our Collective Worship. We provide regular opportunities for quiet reflection - a time for each pupil and adult present to be silent and think about what they have heard; this will provide opportunity for each to worship God if they should wish to do so.

The organisation of Collective Worship at Manor Primary School

The acts of Collective Worship are planned to give pupils a variety of experiences to enable them to reflect on, and respond to, things which we, as a school community, believe are important. These experiences will include:

- the telling of appropriate stories
- presentations
- drama / dance / music
- the use of multimedia
- visitors

Day	Group	Led by	Location	Time	Notes
Monday	Whole school	Deputy Headteacher	Hall	8.50-9.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly theme introduced according to Assembly plan
Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday	Classes or year teams	Class teachers, HLTAs, team leaders	Classrooms	Arranged in classes and year teams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly theme continued. Other opportunities for collective worship may also be addressed according to the needs of the class / year team.
Friday	Whole school	Headteacher	Hall	8.50-9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly theme continued. Celebration – House Points cup, certificates and Attendance Shield. Whole school singing

(NB – Sessions on Tues-Thurs are flexible and there will be variations within teams)

In addition to the above:

- The local Methodist minister or his representative regularly visits the school to conduct an assembly. This assembly has a Christian theme and includes religious stories, messages and singing.
- Representatives of other and no faiths are regularly invited to school to discuss their views and beliefs with the children, encouraging a wider world view and an understanding and an acceptance of different belief systems.
- Each child takes part in a class or year group assembly every year, in addition to those detailed above. These take place on Tuesday afternoons with the timetable organised at the start of the year.
- Traditional religious festivals and events are marked appropriately through class, year group and whole school assemblies.
- Acts of worship and religious observance routinely take place in the local church e.g. at Christmas, Easter and Harvest.
- Children's music lessons sometimes include the use of religious music and hymns.

Resources for Collective Worship

Assembly themes follow a planned timetable which is organised at the start of the year. Resources to support assemblies are available in the RE resources area and the internet.

Withdrawal

Parents may ask for their child to be totally or partially withdrawn from Collective Worship in accordance with the Education Act. No reasons have to be given but discussion with parents over the issues concerning withdrawal is recommended. In such circumstances, the child's teacher will make alternative arrangements for the child during this period of time.

Members of staff also have the right to withdraw.