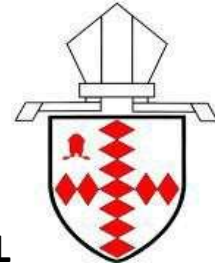




St PAUL'S (C OF E) PRIMARY SCHOOL

"We **arise**, **shine** and become
who **God** wants **us to be**"



Collective Worship Policy

Faith, Hope and Love

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Collective Worship Policy

Legal requirements

The daily act of Collective Worship is a legal requirement in all schools. In a Church of England School worship should always be Christian; it should reflect the traditions of the Church of England, developing learners' understanding of Anglican traditions and practice.

Collective Worship needs to make a major contribution to upholding the religious character and Christian distinctiveness of a church school and ensuring that it is understood by all pupils, staff and governors. The importance of worship therefore should be central to the life of the school.

Aims

We aim for Collective Worship to be of the highest quality, engaging all pupils.

We aim that our Collective Worship times to be an opportunity for everyone in the school to participate; this includes the chance for pupils to lead worship. In our Collective Worships we aim to:

- pray and express praise and thanksgiving to God;
- reflect on the attributes of God;
- reflect on the teachings of Christ;
- affirm Christian values and attitudes;
- foster respect and unity;
- share each other's joys and challenges;
- celebrate special times in the Christian Calendar;
- deepen spiritual awareness and reflection

Programme of Values

Each term, the Collective Worship leader draws up a program of weekly Christian themes in cooperation with the Clergy of St. Paul's. These are then shared with the rest of the school community. They are further developed in consultation with the adult and children's Faith Teams and supported in the strategic direction by the Key Governor for SIAMS. The themes reflect the major events in the Church calendar, but will also include opportunities to discuss appropriate themes with Biblical references, such as friendship; studying Bible stories; studying people from the Bible; other faith festivals and responding to world events.

Collective Worship

There is a very clear structure for weekly, termly and yearly Collective Worship. The planning for this is led by the Headteacher and member of staff responsible for Collective Worship. This staff member is also a member of the wider SIAMS team. In all stages of planning clergy, SLT, staff and adult and childrens' Faith Team are included. Guests from other churches and organisations are invited to contribute to our acts of worship.

Our local church

The following services are held at St Paul's for the whole school. Parents and Governors are invited to attend the services.

- Harvest Festival
- Remembrance
- Christmas Service
- Lent Services
- Easter Services
- Pentecost Service
- St Paul's Day Service
- End of year Leavers' service

Our Cathedral

Southwark Cathedral is a very important place to us here at St Paul's; we hold a high value in its position, as the central place of worship in this Diocese.

Year 6 attend the Leaver's Service at Southwark Cathedral. Other members of the community such as children's Faith Team, attend exhibitions and special occasions throughout the year.

Planning and Organisation for Collective Worship

It is important to have a variety of approaches and a balance must be achieved between a tight formal structure and spontaneous freedom to worship.

The children enter the hall quietly listening to music and are encouraged to prepare themselves for worship. The start of the service is indicated by the lighting of a candle to represent the presence of God and an invitation to worship. The act of worship should be twenty minutes daily and should include:

- a time to celebrate
- a time to think
- a time to reflect
- a time to sing
- a time to pray

Distinctively Christian Character of this School

We place a high priority on the distinctive Christian and specifically Anglican character of this school. This Christian character runs throughout everything we do. In Collective Worship this is seen through the liturgical patterns in each Worship experience.

Monitoring

The Foundation Governors monitor Collective Worship in the school. There is a nominated Governor for SIAMS. The monitoring process is very well developed and actions are communicated to the whole Governing body. Monitoring of this area and other related areas are shared in these meetings and are dovetailed in to wider school development documents. It is our intention that pupils are highly involved in the monitoring process through Pupil Voice. Their comments and ideas are shared with the staff and incorporated throughout the year.

Withdrawal from Collective Worship

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship and appropriate provision is made for those children. Children who remain in Collective Worship have the right to refrain from joining in the singing and the prayers. During religious festivals, arrangements are made for those children to observe the practices associated with their beliefs e.g. fasting and prayer. It is expected that by applying to a church school, parents understand the school's distinctive Christian character and recognise that Collective Worship is central to the life of the school and so parents who wish to withdraw their children will be invited to discuss this with their child's/children's class teacher or the Headteacher.

St Paul's (CofE) Primary School – Collective Worship Guidance

Before Collective Worship pupils from Y6 will set up hall. No chairs or benches to be done while children are coming in or going out.

At the beginning on Collective Worship the children come in with quiet reflective worship music playing. Children are silent and encouraged to be still. Adults to use non-verbal signals and not speak if possible.

Leader: The Lord be with you

Children: and also with you

A child from Faith Team comes to light the candle

Then whole school recite our vision (maybe in song format)

“We arise, shine and become who God wants us to be”

Before the final prayer is said we will recite our school values (call and response)

Faith leader will call:

Faith- **We can do it with God's help**

Hope- **For our future dreams**

Love: **Love others as you want to be loved**

On occasions the Grace or a blessing (clergy led) will be said:

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

And the love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be with us all

Ever more

Amen

At the end the leader says

At the end of the worship the leader will say

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: in the name of Christ, Amen

Notices will be offered on a Monday and Friday (if teachers indicate to the leader with a raised hand). The general aim would be to keep additional announcements minimal to ensure an atmosphere of worship is further supported