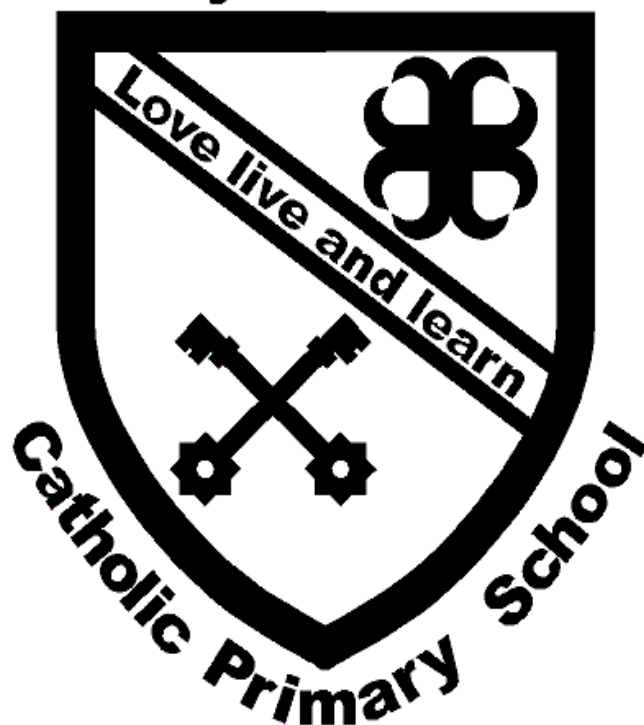


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Our Lady & St Swithin's



Collective Worship Policy

May 2022

Chair of Governors

Date approved

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic Community centred on God's love, respecting all, we are committed to enable and encourage each person to be cared for in body, mind and spirit; ensuring each individual achieves their full potential in a secure and caring environment.

Love, Live, Learn.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

GENERAL STATEMENT

At Our Lady and St Swithin's we believe our Collective worship underpins the whole community of our school, which enables the children to develop a sense of worth.

It is an important part of the child's religious experience within our school. It links in with our Mission Statement where:

“As a Catholic Community centred on God's love, respecting all, we are committed to enable and encourage each person to be cared for in body, mind and spirit; ensuring each individual achieves their full potential in a secure and caring environment.”

Thus reinforcing our identity at Our Lady and St Swithin's.

Why Collective Worship?

To provide opportunities for pupils and staff to come together to worship God.

To provide an enriching and positive religious experience where children become active participants developing in their faith journey.

To develop a greater sense of who they are within the home, parish and wider community.

To provide opportunities for those children where school may be their first experience of church.

To provide an awareness of other Christian traditions and faith backgrounds.

Responsibility of Collective Worship by:

GOVERNORS have the responsibility of drawing up a policy statement for Collective Worship after consulting with the Headteacher.

HEADTEACHER'S role is to ensure that an act of Collective Worship is provided for each child each day.

TEACHERS plan and enable Collective Worship to take place each day.

PARENTS can be invited to participate in Collective Worship.

PUPILS must have the opportunity to take part in daily Collective Worship and lead worship in an age-appropriate way.

Collective Worship at Our Lady and St Swithin's

At Our Lady and St Swithin's our acts of Collective Worship occur on a daily basis for every child within the school in a number of ways, which will be detailed in this document.

1. **Collective Worship in the classroom**

Daily acts which vary in duration and time of day, depending on the ages of the children:

- Foundation State – 3-4 mins
- Key Stage 1 - between 5-7 mins
- Key Stage 2 - between 7-11 mins

They will be teacher led or generated by class discussion, thoughts, prayers, singing and/or reflection –

- these create a sense of unity and belonging
- share elements i.e. the day ahead
- come together as a smaller group within a larger group
- a sharing and reflective experience where children are given opportunities to contribute

Teachers use the format recommended by the C.E.D. – Gather – Listen – Respond – Go Forth

2. **Collective Worship through an assembly**

Whole School assemblies:

- RE Lead led on Monday mornings
- KS1 led on a Tuesday for Collective Worship
- KS2 led on a Thursday for Collective Worship

A format example – RE Lead led – Monday mornings

As the children walk into the hall, quiet music is played to generate a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere.

The assembly usually begins with a focus for thoughts followed by the school morning prayer.

The themes of the assemblies relate to Christian principles, religious themes and religious times of the year.

The delivery may include simple story telling, use of artefacts, prayer, poetry etc., these act as a stimulus for children's thoughts.

The effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team and every three years by the Governing Body. If changes are made to the policy, the Governing Body will ratify amendments.

This policy was reviewed: May 2022

Designation: Headteacher

Date: 25.5.2022