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POLICY DOCUMENT

Excellence Through Endeavour
"Let your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

Collective Worship Policy

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. It is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school, meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests.

Shenington C of E VA Primary School was established under a trust deed which requires the education provided to follow the principles of the Church of England and it is the school's policy to hold frequent services in the nearby Holy Trinity Church.

It is our policy to respect the wishes of parents who indicate that they do not wish children to participate in the daily service of collective worship.

Our school will provide a daily collective workshop for all pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). The daily collective worship is mainly of a broadly Christian character. We also have a focus on the wider world and inspirational people through the week.

Aim of Collective Worship

For the School:

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Shenington School and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- Share common aims and value.
- Celebrate achievement and special times.
- Explore together the world in which we live.
- Develop a community spirit.

For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- Consider spiritual and moral issues.

- Explore their own beliefs.
- Develop their own spirituality.
- Reinforce positive attitudes.
- Participate and respond.
- Reflect on what it means to be human.
- Reflect on the values that are broadly of a Christian nature.
- Develop an understanding of community spirit, a common ethos and shared values.
- Respond to worship offered.
- Lead worship on occasions.

The contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, at Shenington School, Collective Worship will at times feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. At times, Collective Worship will enrich class work through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

Pupils will also be encouraged to contribute to Collective Worship both in their own responses, but also as part of the Pupil Evaluation Group who are responsible for supporting and setting up for worship.

Collective Worship will be available to the whole community, staff, and pupils, but any parent who objects to their child attending, may inform the Headteacher that they wish their child to be withdrawn. Any pupil who is withdrawn will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

Requests for withdrawal should be granted without delay. The 'religious grounds' do not have to be justified and explained by the parents. Should children be withdrawn, the school must provide adequate supervision to ensure their safety. Children should not be withdrawn from Collective Worship for other purposes, e.g. reading, music lessons, to do so is to break the law.

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