



Collective Worship Policy

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Aims and Objectives

Collective worship brings our school community together to reflect and respond. It contributes significantly to the culture and ethos of Moredon Primary and Nursery School, providing us time to consider wider issues both religious and secular.

It provides opportunities for us to celebrate achievements and recognise successes. It enables us to explore the wider world further to develop a sense of global citizenship. It strengthens the bonds between us to enrich our community spirit.

For pupils, collective worship will provide opportunities to:

- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Explore their own beliefs
- Deepen their understanding of the school's values
- Experience and benefit from moments of quiet reflection
- Encourage participation and reflective response
- Reinforce a sense of community, family spirit and belonging
- Reinforce British Values

Collective Worship Content and Delivery

Collective worship at Moredon Primary and Nursery School is carefully planned to support our wider Religious Education curriculum and to promote the ethos and culture of the school. Each week, assemblies are based around one of our school values and are planned and led by the Principal, Assistant Principal, other members of staff, visitors as well as the children themselves.

Through our values we explore the traditions and festivals of the Christian and other faiths. In addition to this we celebrate other special occasions and national recognition days through collective worship.

Frequently (at least several times a term), pupils have a more intimate experience as they explore the theme for the week in a class assembly led by their class teacher. The rota for assemblies is as follows:

- **Monday** – assembly based on the focus value led by the Principal or Assistant Principal
- **Tuesday** – Assembly led by a visitor (from the local church or other visitor), class led assemblies or in class assemblies if no visitor is attending
- **Wednesday** – Assembly led by class teachers based on current affairs (relevant to school or local or national interest)
- **Thursday** – singing assembly
- **Friday** – Celebration assembly

Right to Withdraw

We aim for our collective worship to be wholly inclusive of all pupils and there is an expectation that all pupils will attend. However, some parents/carers may wish to withdraw their child from an act or acts of collective worship for religious or moral reasons.

Requests to withdraw should be made to and discussed with the Principal. The Principal will discuss any concerns and consider how we may address these. If a child is withdrawn from whole school collective worship, alternative arrangements will be made for the child concerned.