



Nyland School

Collective Worship

Policy

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The Collective Worship Policy at Nyland School pays due regard to statutory requirements and has taken into account the guidance offered by the LA through SACRE

(Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, legally constituted by a Local Authority with the responsibility for overseeing Religious Education and Collective Worship in community, VC (RE only not CW), foundation schools without a religious character and trust schools. Academies, Free schools & VA schools lie outside the SACRE remit, but a good SACRE will try to establish links with any of these schools in its' area.)

Definition of Collective Worship

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

Aims of Collective Worship

For School:

Collective Worship contributes to the ethos of Nyland School and it is our aim that it should be a time when pupils can:

- Reflect on spiritual and moral issues
- Share Common aims and values that are of a broadly Christian nature
- Celebrate positive experiences
- Explore the world in which we live
- Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values

For the Pupils

For Collective Worship to contribute to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- Be able to engage in spiritual worship
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Explore their own beliefs
- Reinforce positive attitudes
- Respond and participate to what is offered

Planning Collective Worship

The content of acts of Collective Worship will be considered in order to ensure relevance and suitability for the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of pupils. It may include coverage of special occasions or events and will be flexible enough to include topical events or faiths other than Christianity.

The Act of Collective Worship

Nyland School the timetable includes a daily period for circle time or class assembly where the theme is around a moral or school value. The schools EQ curriculum also embeds the school values which are broadly Christian values throughout the school day. Teachers use a variety of methods, resources and content which is appropriate to their class group EQ and academic ability and age. The Principal also meet with 2 classes together, every Friday, where pupils re invited to take part in relevant discussions and sharing of beliefs, moral and spiritual issues that are relevant to the particular group.

Visitors from the local church also come in from time to time to share stories, activities and discussions and classes collect and deliver harvest donations to the local church each year too.

PopUK engage pupils in songs about broadly Christian values and they then perform a concern of these songs for their parents. Pupils prepare and perform a Christmas play, song or activity for their parents each year.

Withdrawal

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act of worship may request that their child is withdrawn. Parents can discuss this with the Principal. Any pupil who does withdraw will be supervised by a member of the school staff.