

St Peter's Church of England Junior School

Collective Worship Policy

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LGB to Ratify	

ST PETER'S VISION

Peter was championed by Jesus to go beyond what he ever thought was possible; building the foundations for the first church and being given the keys to heaven. **We build a rock- like foundation for learning so we can unlock successful futures!**

At St Peter's Junior School, we enact this vision by holding up the PILLARS of:

- **Positivity**
- **Perseverance**
- **Passion and**
- **Presence**

So that ALL of our children may aim high and be successful.

WITH POSITIVITY- We embark on a CURRICULUM of academic challenge; rich in knowledge; matching the needs of our learners.

WITH PASSION- We are a school where ALL can achieve, flourish and be celebrated for their talents and successes.

WITH PERSEVERANCE- We empower each other to take responsibility; develop a curiosity in God's creation and become courageous advocates for change.

WITH PRESENCE- The school will be a place of safety and security for all the children and families we serve; becoming valued members of the community where they are loved and cared for.

"In the Gospel of Matthew 16:19, Jesus says to Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on Earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth shall be loosed in heaven."



Policy Aims

Collective Worship is a key part of daily school life and enables us to establish, explore and reinforce our Christian distinctiveness. It also:

- Provides an opportunity for children to reflect upon God
- Helps children discover their place in the world
- Develops and nurtures children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through their involvement in worship
- Provides children with vocabulary for worship
- Provides children with an opportunity to celebrate Christian festivals and share the central teachings of the Christian faith
- Provides children with an opportunity to explore other faiths, (Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism), including other world religions and non-religious world views, (humanism)
- Heightens children's awareness of ultimate questions and realities
- Enables children to reflect on their worth and value to God and the community and respect the integrity of all individuals as children of God
- Strengthens links with clergy and the churches in and around Wisbech
- Celebrates gifts, talents and achievements
- Provides opportunities for prayer and quiet reflection
- Provides opportunities for children to take part in and/or lead collective worship

Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a legal requirement for all children within our school, and takes place daily. However, it is the parent/carer's right to withdraw their child from worship 'in accordance with the founding Church of England Trust Deed and Ethos of Statement in the school's Instrument of Government', without recourse or explanation. In such circumstances, appropriate supervision arrangements will be made, in consultation with the child's parent/carer.

Likewise, all staff have the option to withdraw from Collective Worship on the grounds of conscience, creed or religion, without recourse or explanation.

Contribution of Collective Worship to the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of Pupils

One of the key aims of collective worship is to offer pupils opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Spiritual development is promoted by:

- A celebration of special achievements
- Guided reflection
- Consideration of a variety of beliefs, values and feelings

- Appreciation of aspects of life which have special meaning and which contribute to a sense of awe and wonder

Moral development is promoted by:

- Consideration of moral codes found in school, in religions and in society
- Consideration of relationships
- Encouraging empathy by the consideration of moral issues from different perspectives

Social development is promoted by:

- Coming together as a school/class group
- Bringing visitors into school from the community
- Sharing values and matters of concerns

Cultural development is promoted by:

- Use of music, art, drama, stories and artefacts from a range of cultural backgrounds
- Exploring and celebrating aspects of religion and culture
- Reference to the British Values

Organisation and Planning

St Peter's Junior School has a planned timetable for Collective Worship, which is reviewed at least annually by the SLT and Governors

Monday Collective Worship	Vision and Values, delivered by the HT (or SLT)
Tuesday	Diocese of Ely syllabus delivered on rota by the SLT and teachers
Wednesday	Worship council deliver bespoke Collective Worship in year groups
Thursday	Songs of praise- reflection and worship through song
Friday	Our Celebration Service
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	Our Faith partners deliver services in school and in local places of worship

Music and hymns are chosen by the music leader but those taking Collective Worship may be flexible with this.

All class assemblies and celebration assembly **must** include elements of Collective Worship:

- Preparation – a greeting (in a number of languages)
- Liturgy of the word – hearing and exploring the words of the bible
- Prayers – thanksgiving, prayers for those in need, The Lord's Prayer and the school prayer
- Conclusion – reflection and dismissal

Records are kept of all acts of Collective Worship, and recording is the responsibility of the Collective Worship Leader and worship council.

Our Lunch prayer is shared before lunch in every class.

Our school prayer is said and reflected on throughout the week in collective workshop and within spiritual spaces.

Links with the wider community

Strong links exist with the clergy and churches in and around Wisbech. Opportunities are sought for Collective Worship to take place within a church building at least termly.

The school actively seeks members of the wider Christian community to lead acts of Worship. Where possible, visitors are encouraged to use the themes planned. Recording of Collective Worship led by a visitor is then the responsibility of the Collective Worship leader.

Development of Collective Worship

An action plan forms part of the Improvement and Development Plan. Collective Worship receives a budgetary allocation annually. All staff have access to training based on the Collective Worship action plan as appropriate.

Monitoring and Review

It is the responsibility of all Governors to ensure that legal requirements are met. It is the particular responsibility of DEMAT and Local Governors to monitor the standards of Collective Worship by observation and discussion, with the Collective Worship leader. It is the responsibility of the Collective Worship leader to provide written reports on progress against this action plan at least annually.

At the end of Collective Worship, children from the Worship Council are involved in recording their reflections and thoughts. These are shared with the Collective Worship Leader.

An evaluation of Collective Worship takes place annually, at the end of the academic year.