

# **Kildwick CE Primary School**

## ***Learning to Live, Living to love, Loving to learn***

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### **Collective Worship Policy**

#### **1.Statement of Intent**

At Kildwick CE Primary School, the daily act of Collective Worship is highly valued and every effort is made to ensure that all children and staff take part in a high quality and meaningful experience offering a spiritual encounter with an inclusive Christian and educational context.

This Collective Worship policy reflects the law (i.e. the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act) and the ethos of the school's Instrument of Government which states:

*'Kildwick Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School is a school designated as one having a religious character and whose ethos is derived from a Church of England Foundation. Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level. The school aims to serve its community by providing education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers all its pupils.'*

Under law, Collective Worship is not designated curriculum time and will not be subsumed under any part of the curriculum. It will be distinctive and identifiable to meet the legal requirements.

Under no circumstances will pupils be asked to accept beliefs, which are contrary to their family background.

#### **2.Through Collective Worship we aim to:**

- allow the whole school community to recognise the presence and personal nature of God.
- offer inclusive worship within the tenets of the Anglican Christian tradition, recognising the presence of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- develop a sense of community spirit and a sense of awe and wonder at the natural world.
- offer the whole school community the opportunity to participate in worship, ensuring that the experiences provided are relevant to the age, aptitude and family background of the children.
- enable children, staff and visitors to explore and celebrate difference and diversity in a safe environment where mentioning the name of God is regarded as normal practice.

- seek to widen and enhance the experience of those of faith, no faith and the curious, and to allow them to make their own response.

### **3. Organisation of Collective Worship**

We hold a daily act of Collective Worship in our school and, on a half-termly basis, this takes place in St Andrews Church. A table showing the timetable of Collective Worship for a typical week at school is attached to this policy.

We ensure that Collective Worship is properly resourced and each class has a Collective Worship basket which contains a cross, a candle, a children's Bible, coloured cloths for use at different times of the church year, DVDs and religious texts related to Bible stories.

We conduct Collective Worship in a dignified and respectful way where there is opportunity for calm and reflection. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and candles or other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of the children.

The planning and co-ordination of Collective Worship involves pupils through our Collective Worship Council which is established at the beginning of each academic year. The Council meets once a month and agrees themes for the half term and writes a prayer for each half term. The children involved help deliver Collective Worship.

We take the themes of our Collective Worship primarily from the traditions of the Christian faith, and we often reflect the festivals and events of the Christian calendar. Sometimes the themes reflect and build on topics that are taught as part of the school curriculum. We plan Collective Worship as part of a series of themes, well in advance of the day it takes place.

A number of different local Christian leaders are invited to be involved in leading 'whole school' Collective Worship. These are listed in the annex to this policy, along with leaders from other faiths who have been invited to speak in school.

We invite family and friends to Collective Worship in church and sometimes to school Collective Worship. This promotes the community spirit of the school and is a practical demonstration of the way the home and the school work together to celebrate the achievements of our children.

### **4. Conducting Collective Worship in School.**

The format for Collective Worship in school is set out in the annex. The following principles will always be followed:

Pupils will help lay the CW table at the beginning of the session

The resources from the Collective Worship baskets will be used in each class to set out the table

The Trinity prayer will be said at every Collective Worship

The Lord's prayer will be said or sung at every Collective Worship

A candle will be lit for collective Worship in the hall and electric tea light will be used in classrooms.

## **5. Right of withdrawal from Collective Worship**

We expect all children to participate in Collective Worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

The Headteacher keeps a record of all children who are withdrawn from Collective Worship.

## **6. Monitoring and review**

Monitoring and review of Collective Worship will be carried out jointly by the Headteacher and the Foundation Governors. It will engage all key stakeholders with the aim of further developing creative and meaningful acts of Collective Worship.

During 2019/20 we will start to engage the Collective Worship Council in reviewing Collective Worship.

## **7. Support for delivery of Collective Worship (professional development)**

Kildwick CE Primary School recognises the need for professional development of staff in the review and delivery of Collective Worship and will ensure that training is offered on both an individual and whole staff basis.

**Signed:**

**Headteacher**

**Chairperson of Governors**

**The Vicar/ Priest in  
Charge**

**Date: June 2019**

## **Annex to the Collective Worship Policy**

### **Kildwick School schedule for Collective Worship**

	Time	Notes
Monday	9.10am Whole School	Includes a celebration of birthdays and outside achievements
Tuesday	9.10am Whole School	Usually a visiting speaker
Wednesday	9.10am	To Include an element of singing practice
Thursday	9.10am	In Individual classrooms/ Whole school as agreed in advance
Friday	3pm Whole school 2.45pm in Church	To include achievements when in Church

#### **Format for School Collective Worship:**

*Pupils in each class are responsible for:*

Laying the Collective Worship table each morning (coloured cloth, candle, cross, Bible)

Preparing, planning and contributing to Collective Worship

*Greeting and Gathering:*

Music playing as a call to begin worship

'we invite you to join us in saying the trinity prayer together...'

'we invite you to join us in saying this half term's prayer together...'

*Engaging:*

A creative response to the bible passage through story/ drama/ talk/ activity, which will engage and inspire the pupils to think deeply about the theme

*Responding:*

'we invite you to take a minute to reflect in silence on today's message...'

'we invite you to say a prayer about today's message...'

'we invite you to sing our Collective Worship song...'

'we invite you to join us in saying or singing the Lord's prayer together...'

*Sending:*

Music playing as a close to worship

#### **Visiting Speakers for Collective Worship:**

Zephaniah Trust (John Froud)

Rev Rob Harris; South Craven Baptist Church.

Rev Paul Gamston; South Craven Evangelical Church.

Rev Peter Thomas ; the Congregational Church, Grassington

Rev Julie Bacon; Priest in Charge, St Andrew's Kildwick.

Rev Ruth Crompton; Methodist Church

#### **Other faith speakers are also invited into school, these include:**

D-Rama

Humanist

Budha Land (Keighley)  
Visitors from the interfaith centre - Islam

**Structure for Collective Worship in Church:**

(Takes place once every half term)

1. Video/music as parents/family gather
2. Welcome
3. Light candles (2 children from Class 1)
4. Song
5. Bible reading (usually dramatised by children)
6. Talk
7. Prayers (usually read by children & staff)
8. Peace
9. Stickers/Awards for the week
10. Song
11. The Grace
12. Music as children leave