

Castlefields Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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At Castlefields the act of collective worship is viewed as an important part of school life. Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our values of: Friendship, Courage, Equality, Determination, Resilience, Respect and Excellence

It is a time when we come together to share our values and celebrate our achievements. It is through this act of Worship and our RE lessons that we learn about Christian beliefs and values. We have visitors who contribute to this and we value them very highly.

Values

We blend Christian teaching and Values Education to create opportunities for children to develop spiritually, physically, emotionally, personally, socially, mentally and intelligently so that their self-esteem and well-being is sound and supported by ever growing emotional intelligence; leading to an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as young citizens.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in the 1988 Education Reform Act 6 and 9 which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of worship either as a whole school, class or group. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from the act of worship either partially or wholly. Any parents wishing to do so should contact the Headteacher.

Organisation

We aim to provide a variety of experiences for the children. Our assemblies are planned on a termly rota which encompasses many different Christian Festivals and Festivals from other Religions. They also have a Value based theme that runs throughout the half term. We visit the Global Goals in many of our assemblies which encourages our children to be good Global Citizens. Our current schedule is as follows:

Monday	Whole School Worship led by the Headteacher or Deputy Head which usually involves the dramatization of a Bible story by the Open the Book team.
Tuesday	Class assembly or thought for the day
Wednesday	Class assembly
Thursday	Celebration Assembly- when children are awarded certificates and stickers for achievements during the past week.
Friday	Class assembly or thought for the day
	Other assemblies may be inserted to link with visitors or special occasions. These are identified on the termly assembly rota.

Most assemblies last about 15 minutes.

Prayer and Reflection

Collective worship usually contains a time for prayer or reflection. The children are invited to join in a prayer and make it their own by saying Amen. If they do not wish to pray they can sit with their heads bowed and hands in their laps to reflect either on what is being said or their own daily reflection.

Other Faiths

We are committed to respecting other people's faith and cultures, showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs.

Equal Opportunities and Special Needs issues

All pupils regardless of their academic ability, age, gender and ethnic origin will have access to a wide range of appropriate activities to support their understanding of RE and be able to join in acts of Collective Worship.