

New Longton All Saints' CE Primary School

Collective Worship Policy 2018-2019

Mission Statement

Together, following Jesus' teaching, we aim to develop mutual respect and responsibility for all members of our school community.

Through effective teaching and by expecting the highest of standards, we value each other's achievements and create a safe, caring environment in which the whole child is nurtured.

Christian Values

Psalms 66:4 *All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."*

Overview

The law requires all faith schools to provide a daily, collective act of worship that is on most occasions wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature. It need not be held at the same time each day. In this school we will meet the requirements of the law in full. Where parents request it, their children will be withdrawn from the collective worship and alternative arrangements will be made for them.

Objectives

- Each day our children will have the opportunity to participate in an act of meaningful worship.
- A variety of different opportunities will be used to meet our statutory duty.
- Strong links will be made between spiritual, moral, social and cultural education, British values and religious education.
- Collective worship will contribute to pupils' experience of awe and wonder.
- A good ethos will be created for worship enabling pupils to enjoy music, singing and celebration.
- Worship will be used to help pupils understand and experience the meaning of great religious festivals and holy days both Christian and other major religions.
- Worship will contribute to community cohesion and will promote pupils' spiritual, social and moral education.

Strategies

- Three times a week the whole school meet collectively to worship.
- On the other two days, worship will be held in classrooms at appropriate times during the day and will be led by staff and occasionally pupils.
- Children will have the opportunity to say a lunchtime prayer and an end of day prayer appropriate to their age.
- Children will learn some well-known prayers and hymns and these will be used in worship.
- Worship will be used for celebration and thanksgiving.
- Children will be given opportunities both to participate in worship and to lead worship.
- Parents will be invited regularly to participate in collective worship within school or Church.
- Occasionally, outside speakers will be brought in to address the pupils and, where appropriate, lead acts of worship.
- On special occasions, worship will be linked to religious and other festivals, e.g. Christmas, Easter, Harvest and All Saints' Day, which will occasionally take place at All Saints' New Longton Church.
- Records of religious worship will be kept to show that the requirements of the law have been met.

Outcomes

Children will be offered excellent opportunities to experience, enjoy and participate in a variety of different kinds of acts of worship. They will have the opportunity to experience an ethos conducive to spiritual development through prayer and reflection. They will learn and develop positive attitudes to worship and worshipping communities. Through collective worship, learners will grow in spirituality and experience awe and wonder.