



Inspire ★ Believe ★ Achieve

'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith.' 1 Timothy 4:12

Collective Worship Policy

At Yealand CE Primary, our collective worship enables our pupils to explore who God is and his central purpose within each of our lives.

Our aim is that every child:

- has the opportunity to worship God
- has the time to consider spiritual and moral issues
- be encouraged to explore their own beliefs
- develops a sense of community spirit
- through support and encouragement, learns how to worship
- shares a common ethos with shared values and the positive attitudes encouraged within school.

Legal Status of Collective Worship

The 1988 Education Reform Act requires that 'all pupils in attendance at a maintained school shall on each day take part in an act of Collective Worship'. We seek to do our best to keep the spirit of this legislation seeking to provide as many high quality acts of worship as is practically possible.

To provide students with variety in their experience of worship, acts of worship may take the form of a whole school act of worship for all pupils or separate acts of worship for students in different age groups or class groups. Collective Worship may be held at any time during the school day and maybe in church or school.

The responsibility for arranging school worship in our school rests with the Head Teacher who liaises with the Religious Education Subject Leader and incumbent to ensure Collective Worship is delivered to a high standard.

All acts of worship are in accordance with the Trust Deed of the school which requires worship to be consistent with the principles and practices of the Church of England and therefore will be wholly and distinctly Christian in character.

By this we mean that: -

- Worship contains some elements that accord special status to Jesus, his teachings and actions.
- Sharing with students the Christian belief that all Christians are called to continue Jesus' work of love and compassion for their fellow human beings through the exploration of key Christian concepts such as love, trust, forgiveness, mercy, humility, courage and integrity, respect for life, value of an individual, justice, co-operation and service, honesty and truthfulness.

Acts of Collective Worship at Yealand C.E. Primary School take into account the children’s ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds.

The school recognises that there is a difference between Acts of Collective Worship and the assembly of students. Distinction is made between these two and pupils understand the need for reverence and reflection during Collective Worship.

Organisation

	Little Owls & Robin Class	Swallow Class
Monday	Whole school worship with Fr. Robin Worship follows the Church calendar	
Tuesday	Class worship Teacher-led linked with stories of the Bible	Class worship Teacher-led linked with stories of the Bible
Wednesday	Worship led by Mrs Gale Following Christian Values	
Thursday	Class worship Pupil-led	Class worship Pupil-led
Friday	Celebration worship led by Mrs Gale Open to parents	

Content and Approach

The plan for worship is based on half termly themes linked to Christian values which are broken down into weekly sub themes.

It will include:

- Links to the Church year
- Presentation of Bible stories.
- Opportunities for children’s participation
- Links to the school curriculum
- A variety of stimuli and media, including the creative arts
- Opportunities to revisit different themes progressively and developmentally

Values Theme for Worship

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Friendship	Peace	Love	Forgiveness	Trust	Creativity

Stories that staff/visitors and children will explore throughout the academic year:

- Noah’s Ark
- Good Samaritan
- Prodigal Son
- David and Goliath
- Samson’s strength
- Wedding Feast of Cana
- Daniel and the Lions
- The Easter Story
- The Christmas Story

Withdrawal

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. Should any parent make such a request, appropriate arrangements will be made for the supervision of the children following consultation.

Parents who have any concerns about the provision and practice of Collective Worship are encouraged to contact the Head Teacher to discuss this.

The Head Teacher will report to governors the numbers (but not the names) of any children who are withdrawn and the arrangements that have been made for their supervision.

This policy will be reviewed every three years or when required.