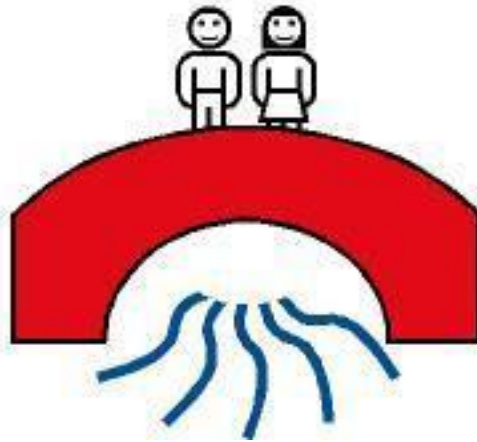


Loddon Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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1. Rationale

Collective worship is provided for all pupils each day at Loddon Primary School. It normally forms a small part of an assembly or its entirety. Collective worship is part of Loddon's contribution to promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of each child. It is a valued time to celebrate the worth and value of every single person in the school community. The Head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body.

2. Statutory Requirements

Collective worship at Loddon complies with the legal requirements as set out in the 1988 Education Reform Act. The law states that "Collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character which means that it reflects the broad traditions of Christian belief."

However, it is fundamental that collective worship be flexible enough to encompass the age, aptitude and background of all the children in the school. Therefore, an act of worship which is "broadly Christian", need not contain Christian material only.

Such beliefs that are broadly Christian are inclusive to other major world faiths. Examples are justice, love, peace, good, evil, greed, poverty, charity, morality, tolerance, co-operation, selfishness, war and prejudice. Such a wide-ranging list clearly demonstrates the scope that is available to the person leading collective worship. Thus, if a broad and flexible approach is adopted, collective worship will not affect the integrity of anyone taking part at our school but may develop the spiritual awareness of every individual.

3. Aims

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the themes/worship offered

4. Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly or within the classroom, will:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve the pupils

5. Withdrawal of Pupils from Collective Worship

We plan at Loddon Primary School for collective worship to be meaningful and relevant to all members of the school community for those with a faith background and those with none. It is therefore hoped that no parents will feel that they have to remove their child from collective worship as this reduces opportunities for children to share reflective time as a part of our whole school.

Parent/Carers do have the right to remove their child without any explanation but the school would always value the opportunity to discuss any parental concerns in advance of making the decision to withdraw their child.

6. Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

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