

Shamblehurst Collective Worship Policy

Principles

1. As a school we follow the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act.
2. Collective Worship is an integral part of the broad and balanced curriculum to which all our children are entitled.
3. Collective Worship in School underpins all aspects of school life.
4. Collective Worship in school is open to all staff and pupils and no assumptions are made about their personal commitment.
5. Whilst awareness of other religious traditions and beliefs may be raised, we recognise that the proper place for fuller exploration of these issues is in religious education.

Aims

To develop:

- Social and Moral values.
- Spiritual awareness.
- British values.
- Knowledge of Christian values, beliefs, celebrations and patterns of worship.
- Awareness of other beliefs, traditions, cultures and patterns of worship.

To provide a space in time which:

- Allows a pause for reflection and stillness in the midst of the pressure of the school day.
- Provides a rhythm to the life of the school by marking and celebrating special occasions and achievements.
- Facilitates the development of a sense of community, of belonging and sharing.
- Encourages pupils to learn how to be part of large and small gatherings, as well as offering opportunities to perform and respond to a presentation.
- Allows for celebration and reflection.

Nature of Collective Worship

At Shamblehurst Primary School, Collective Worship comprises:

Monday Collective Worship led by the Headteacher.

Tuesday	Class Based Collective Worship led by teachers.
Wednesday	Collective Worship led by Deputy Headteacher and/or SLT.
Thursday	Year Group Collective Worship led by teachers.
Friday	Worship and Celebration linked to our Learning Muscles and celebrating achievement of the children, led by the Teachers, House Captains and School Councils.

** Due to the Health and Safety restrictions of our school hall we are unable to have whole school assemblies**

Regular acts of Collective Worship bring the school community together to share moral and spiritual values and attitudes. Although these are mainly of a broadly Christian character, they also draw upon the teachings of other religions and themes and are illustrated with stories, poems and drama from fact and fiction and personal experience. We actively involve children in Collective Worship, encouraging them to consider the issues they present and speak and perform in public. Where appropriate, visitors are invited to contribute in Collective Worship e.g. representatives of charitable organisations, the local Mayor etc... All children have the right to attend acts of Collective Worship.

In all classes there is a Thoughts and Reflections box where children can contribute and these are shared and discussed in class assemblies.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship and should contact the school to discuss this with the Head teacher.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed every two years and will be monitored in line with the school learning and evaluation programme.

Link policies

- School Vision and Values
- RE
- S.M.S.C.
- Equalities

September 2017