



Manor Park CE (VC) First School Collective Worship Policy

School Mission Statement

Inspiring all to learn and grow.

Introduction

Manor Park is a Church of England VC First School. As such it has a Trust Deed which states that worship should be 'in accordance with the principles and practices of the Church of England'.

Collective worship plays a vital role in the daily life and Christian ethos of the school. It offers the opportunity to celebrate the school, its aims and its Christian values. It provides an oasis of calm, an opportunity to develop spiritually and a chance for reflection in a busy, interactive environment.

A legal note

By law, Collective Worship must:

- be provided for every child every day;
- reflect the school's Trust Deed.

Our policy sets out clearly our aspiration that collective worship will be a valuable and valued experience for all members of our school community whatever their backgrounds and beliefs. It is invitational, inclusive and reflective in nature and never coercive.

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from all or any acts of worship. In the first instance we ask parents who may wish to exercise this right to visit school to speak with the headteacher

Aims of Collective Worship

At our school Collective Worship aims to provide members of the school community with the opportunity to:

- Experience stillness and quiet
- Respond to Christian language and symbolism
- Experience a variety of prayers and meditation. These might include praise and quiet reflection
- Strengthen and support the school community and celebrate each unique individual.
- Give expression to, reaffirm and practise the values of the school community.
- Allow reflection and response to questions raised
- Celebrate achievements within the school and local community

Structure

In our school Collective worship is organised in the following way.

Daily 9-9.30am

Place: School hall or classroom

Grouping - various (Class, Key Stage, Year Group or Whole School)

Day	Collective Worship Activity	Staffing
Monday	Whole School Worship	Headteacher
Tuesday	Reflection (KS2) Worship (KS1)	Classroom
Wednesday	KS1 & KS2 Worship	KS on a rota basis
Thursday	Song & Praise	Yr Group on a rota basis
Friday	Celebration Assembly	Senior Leader

Collective Worship Leader:

Collective worship is led by all members of the teaching staff on a rota basis.

Visiting Leaders:

During the year the children have the opportunity to be involved in acts of collective worship led by people external to the school. These include Rev.F Hall (vicar of St. George's and school foundation governor) as well as members of the local church community e.g. Ro King.

Collective Worship In Church:

The children, staff and governors participate in special acts of collective worship at St. George's church to celebrate the Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter as well as a leavers service for Year 4 children. Harvest is celebrated within school with church involvement.

Planning:

In planning worship regard is to:

- Values for life
- Jigsaw topics
- Cycle of the church year
- Events arising from local or world news

Evaluation and Monitoring:

This is carried out by the RE CALT on a half termly basis through discussion with children and staff across the school to inform structure and future planning. This form can be found in the 'Evaluation Folder' (within the Collective Worship folder on Google Drive).