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Collective Worship Policy 2016

Mission Statement

“To enjoy, to be amazed , to believe”

Rationale

Collective worship is central to the life of the school. In the context of worship in school, the aim is to provide experiences which deepen the inner senses and engender feelings of self-worth and the uniqueness of the individual. To give pupils a purpose and meaning to life, awe and wonder of the natural world, reverence and respect and a sense of belonging to the community. We aim to make Worship a quality experience that is important to the ethos of the school and is broadly Christian in character.

Purposes

- to present opportunities to promote spiritual and religious development
- to contribute to the nurture of faith through a greater understanding of the Christian faith
- to foster cooperation and good relations with the Local Parish, its clergy and congregation and the wider Christian community of the area
- to reflect and share Christian values
- to provide a sense of occasion with the opportunities for individual reflection and a variety of personal responses
- to provide experiences for those who wish to worship and enable others to strengthen their commitment
- To develop and respect understanding of other peoples beliefs.

Broad Guidelines

1. There will be a daily act of worship.
2. Time for prayers and or the opportunity to reflect will be given in class during the day.
3. Parents have a right to withdraw their children from worship. This right will be communicated in the School Prospectus.
4. Teachers do have the right to abstain from worship.
5. Arrangements for Collective Worship are the responsibility of the Local Governing Body after consultation with the Principal.
6. The school has adopted the Values for Life Christian Collective Worship toolkit. We operate a half termly theme based around a Christian Value; this is planned on a rolling programme of 2 years.
7. Collective worship will incorporate
 - exploration of a theme or focus;
 - reflection;
 - celebration;
 - Pupil participation.

8. Collective worship will be no longer than 15 minutes and will be incorporated in the whole school assembly time table. Appendix 1
9. Content of each day and approach can vary; praise through song, visitor, teacher led, praise, class presentation etc.
10. Planning: The school has adopted the Values for Life Christian Collective Worship toolkit. This ensures that a record of themes and content is kept .We operate a half termly theme based around a Christian Value, this is planned on a rolling programme of 2 years. The whole school curriculum co-ordinator is responsible for planning and reviewing collective worship rolling programme.
11. When planning collective worship the school has reviewed its provision against Warrington's Guidance on Collective Worship May 2016
12. All staff is required to attend collective worship to support and model the schools values. Parents, pupils and visitors will on occasion will be invited to lead and support collective worship.
13. Music is an integral part of our provision; the school uses a variety of forms, children have planned singing which is a mixture of modern classical and cultural and can have a religious flavour. The school will use CD, and live musical accompaniments

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Reviewed by Local Governing Body 2016