

## Collective Worship Policy Hartshorne C of E Primary School

Statement of Policy	We Aim To:	Organisation															
<p>The Education Reform Act 1988 requires children to take part in a daily act of worship. The Act states that Collective Worship should be “Wholly or broadly of a Christian character”. This may be held at any time of the school day and may be organised within any natural grouping already used within the school e.g. school/class/age groups. Parents have a statutory right to withdraw their child from the act of Collective Worship. It is hoped that our approach enables people of all beliefs to participate. In the case of someone wishing to withdraw, they should apply to the Headteacher. The Headteacher will make available the school’s policy on “Collective Worship” and invite the parents to attend a collective worship. Parents will then be able to make an informed opinion before reaching their decision. The Governors would appreciate that all beliefs and faiths make a valuable contribution to our collective worship times and that the method of teaching is accessible to all.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a daily act of collective worship for all our children which will be broadly of a Christian character.</li> <li>• Share with children moral and spiritual values from different faiths.</li> <li>• Respect every child’s religious beliefs.</li> <li>• Celebrate achievement, values and ethos of the school and wider community.</li> <li>• Share standards of behaviour, spiritual and moral development.</li> <li>• Encourage children to develop spiritually, morally, socially and culturally.</li> <li>• Enable the opportunity for children to worship.</li> <li>• Teach children about the effect beliefs may have on the way people relate to each other.</li> <li>• Show the way people celebrate important events in their own life through religion.</li> </ul>	<p>Collective Worship takes place daily, although times will vary. It is taken regularly by the Headteacher, Swadlincote Assemblies Team and The Collective Worship Crew</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">Monda y</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Tuesday</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Wednesda y</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Thursda y</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Friday</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2.45 – 3.10</td> <td>2.45 – 3.10</td> <td>2.45 – 3.10</td> <td>2.545 – 3.10</td> <td>2.45 – 3.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bible story and Values</td> <td>Assemblies Team, Mindfulness, Jack-in-the-box, Newsround</td> <td>Singing Practise Values</td> <td>Collective Worship Crew Values</td> <td>Golden Assembly  1.00 – 1.10 RAMP, Holy Trinity</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All collective worship is planned and timetabled for the half term from the Christian values that the children have chosen.</p>	Monda y	Tuesday	Wednesda y	Thursda y	Friday	2.45 – 3.10	2.45 – 3.10	2.45 – 3.10	2.545 – 3.10	2.45 – 3.10	Bible story and Values	Assemblies Team, Mindfulness, Jack-in-the-box, Newsround	Singing Practise Values	Collective Worship Crew Values	Golden Assembly  1.00 – 1.10 RAMP, Holy Trinity
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<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Collective Worship is full of educational opportunity for all our children and should cover all aspects of school life and the curriculum. Every child and adult should feel involved. Our objectives are:</p>	<b>Content and Planning</b>															
<b>The Nature of Assembly</b>		<p>Assembly enables a celebration of belief through the use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half termly themes</li> <li>• Stories, dance and drama, prayer and creative thinking, silence, songs and hymns.</li> <li>• Artefacts and natural materials</li> <li>• Children’s contributions and staff contributions</li> <li>• Visual aids</li> <li>• Listening to music</li> <li>• Visitors</li> <li>• Sacred and secular reading</li> <li>• Pupil voice</li> </ul>															
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belonging, to develop meaningful experiences, and to allow worship for children from Christian and other faiths backgrounds. Children will be encouraged to think of the hall as our place of worship. An act of worship should be a time where children can explore, share and experience values of culture, school, community, etc. It should be invitational and inspiring.

- To take an interest and celebrate the achievement of the work within the school and community.
- To share religious festivals from different faiths.
- To aspire to achieve attainment through the arts/scientific discovery, service to others etc.
- To review and maintain standards and values within society to reflect upon the various dimensions of human life e.g. beautiful, tragic, humorous, joyful.

The order of Collective Worship Monday to Thursday is:

- Welcome
- The Holy Trinity
- Welcome to worship
- Value
- Reflection
- Singing praise
- Prayer
- Lead out with thought

All staff are expected to be present for all collective worship unless PPA and they are encouraged to take an active role and participate in The Holy Trinity, singing, discussion of value and prayer and mostly have fun!