

SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy



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1. Rationale

- a. Collective Worship contributes to children's spiritual and moral development and can make a distinctive and worthwhile contribution to the curriculum. It provides a focus for the school community and helps to reflect the tone and ethos of the school.

2. Aims and Objectives

- a. To foster a sense of fellowship by bringing children together to share and explore a variety of beliefs and attitudes.
- b. To introduce children to aspects of religious worship, through developing a sense of awe, wonder and moral values
- c. To encourage children to participate.
- d. To provide opportunities for local faith leaders to develop a supportive relationship with the school.
- e. To compile a list of themes that will:
 - i. Give an opportunity for thinking about values important to the school community;
 - ii. Lead to an understanding of right and wrong;
 - iii. Lead to an understanding for focusing on local and national occasions;
 - iv. Give opportunity to study major festivals in the Christian Faith and some festivals from other world faiths.

3. Guidelines

- a. There will be a daily assembly for years 1 to 4; reception class children will attend as and when appropriate.
- b. All children are expected to attend assemblies and should only be involved in alternative activities in exceptional circumstances, unless withdrawn as stated below.
- c. Children are expected to behave respectfully and treat assembly time as a special, shared time in each day.
- d. The themes for assemblies will be guided by key festivals and the school's monthly values.
- e. A wide range of styles of presentation will be encouraged: talks by staff and visiting speakers, and the opportunity for children to express their ideas through readings, music, dance, drama, etc.
- f. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship and should make this request in writing to the Headteacher accordingly.
- g. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Religious Education (RE) Policy.