



West Pennard C of E Primary School

# **Collective Worship Policy**

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## **Our School Vision**

At West Pennard Church of England Primary School, valuing our Christian foundation and heritage, we endeavour to provide an innovative, diverse and creative curriculum that inspires and motivates all learners to do their best. We aim to create an environment in which learners are resilient, feel able to express themselves confidently, and with an increasing sense of independence.

Our motto, 'To Try is to Triumph' and our school focus on growing Christian values, are at the core of all we do. Consequently, we strive to encourage honesty, develop co-operation, respect and fairness in our learners and prepare them for their futures.

Our children are encouraged to maintain an optimistic belief in themselves as having something of value to contribute and to recognise the value of others.

We foster care for each other, care for our environment, and an appreciation for our beautiful surroundings.

## **Introduction**

This policy statement has been adopted by the governing body, in consultation with the Headteacher.

It is consistent with the overall aims of the school as expressed in the Prospectus and with the Christian Foundation as expressed in the Trust Deed. It takes account of worship guidelines. 'Church School Leadership' – a handbook for headteachers of Church of England Schools. Framework for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS).

At West Pennard Church of England School we believe in the importance of Collective Worship as the springboard for our belonging, both to a Christian community and to each other. We aim to demonstrate Christian distinctiveness throughout the life of the school and to foster the spiritual development and wellbeing of all. We encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promote Christian values as the core of all we do.

## **Aims and Objectives**

At West Pennard we will

- ❖ Ensure that Collective Worship supports the religious character of the school in accordance with its Christian foundation.
- ❖ Express praise and thanksgiving to God and reflect on the teachings and person of Jesus.
- ❖ Affirm Christian values and attitudes, and the traditions of the Church of England.
- ❖ Share each other's joys and challenges.
- ❖ Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar.
- ❖ Deepen spiritual awareness and foster respect and unity.
- ❖ Ensure that Collective Worship inspires and becomes a springboard for wider conversations and action supporting our Christian ethos as a school.

## **Organisation**

The school gathers every day at the start of the day to share together in Collective Worship. Collective Worship is planned termly by the Collective Worship coordinator. We welcome local clergy and other visitors like the 'Open the Book' team to enrich our Collective Worship. In addition to the Headteacher and the Collective Worship coordinator, all staff lead Collective Worship.

Children are encouraged to take part in Collective Worship. Their views on Collective Worship are gathered pupil voice discussions and in a comments book. The Lighthouse Club (lunchtime club for children) are involved in preparing drama etc. for Collective Worship.

We value our links with St Nicholas Church and Collective Worship is held there fortnightly during the warmer months. In addition, Christian festivals are all celebrated in St Nicholas Church with whole school services, which are planned by the Collective Worship Coordinator, led by the children and to which parents are invited.

Resources for staff leading Collective Worship are located with the Collective Worship Coordinator. We also subscribe to the Big Start Assemblies online resource.

### **The role of the Collective Worship Coordinator**

He/she will

- ❖ Ensure the smooth running of Collective Worship by planning Collective Worship termly, including music and themes.
- ❖ Liaise with clergy and staff.
- ❖ Lead Collective Worship.
- ❖ Promote the Christian distinctiveness of the school community.
- ❖ Attend relevant training and take a lead in staff training.
- ❖ Monitor and evaluate the leading of Collective Worship.

### **Inclusion and Parental Rights**

We value and respect each other at West Pennard, therefore worship is planned to be inclusive of all children. Even so, we acknowledge that parents have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship under the 1944 Education Act and subsequent legislation

All pupils attend Collective Worship, which is valued by the whole school community as central to the school day. It underpins our values and acts as a catalyst for wider expressions of who we are as a school family.

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