

Temple Ewell Primary School



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Rationale

This document has been written to inform Governors and Parents of Temple Ewell Church of England Primary School of the School's policy for Collective Worship. Each member of staff has a copy of this document to ensure consistency of approach.

As a church school we recognise the importance of Collective Worship for the children in our care and it is held in accordance with the beliefs and practices of the Church of England.

Legal Basis

The Education Reform Act 1988 requires that all pupils should attend a daily act of Collective Worship. This may take place in a number of groupings – whole school, class or Key Stage groups. The acts of worship should be broadly Christian in content. The use of non-Christian materials should still exemplify the Christian ethos.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from the daily worship if they wish. Any parents who wish to do this should contact the Headteacher.

Aims

The worship at Temple Ewell Church of England Primary School aims to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the children. It closely follows the schools Christian values, which are;

Forgiveness

Acceptance

Inspiration

Trust

Hope

Objectives

Collective Worship allows the children to have an opportunity to

- Worship God
- Consider spiritual and moral beliefs
- To develop a sense of awe and wonder
- Explore and discuss their own beliefs
- Encourage participation during worship
- Develop a community spirit
- Promote a common ethos in the school
- Encourage positive attitudes.

Guidelines

There should be a clear aim to every act of worship, and the content of the assembly must be consistent with its aim. An assembly may be held to reflect events, share achievement, give praise, celebrate a festival or think about a special occasion.

Each Act of Worship will be based on the structure-

- Gather
- Engage
- Respond
- Send

For further information see attached guidance from Rochester Diocese

Length

Collective Worship should last for fifteen minutes on most occasions, although a special event, such as Harvest or a class worship may require longer.

Planning and recording

Worship is planned by the head of School in termly blocks using the Collective Worship plans from Canterbury Diocese. A record of these plans is held in the office.

Weekly Organisation

Monday	Praise & Reflection 9.10 a.m.	Whole school
Tuesday	Key Stage Worship (led by staff or a class on a rota basis) 9.10 am	Key Stage
Wednesday	Father Paul 9:00 am	Whole school
Thursday	Mrs Hygate 9.10 am	Whole school
Friday	Celebration 9.10 am	Whole school

Format

Collective Worship will consist of

- Music of the week
- Lighting of the candle
- Hymn
- Talk
- Reflection and prayer
- Music, extinguishing of the candle

Resources

Resources for collective worship can be found in the stock room with RE resources. Books are stored in the staff room.

Church Link

The local vicar Father Paul takes Collective Worship weekly. The church is used on occasions such as Christmas, Harvest, Remembrance, Easter and Leavers' Service.

Evaluation and Monitoring

Both the planning and the delivery of Collective Worship will be evaluated and monitored on a regular basis. The ethos monitoring pair from the Local Governing Body will observe and report on Collective Worship. The Spiritual Council will monitor collective Worship regularly.

Each class will finish the day with either a positive time or a prayer.

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years.