



Growing and Learning Together

Collective Worship Statement

Please note that 'Headteacher' may refer to the Executive Headteacher or Head of School. 'Chair of Governing Body' may refer to Co-Chairs of the Governing Body.

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The Trumpington Federation has regard to the requirement under the Education Act 1996 (School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 70 (Schedule 20)) which requires that all maintained schools must provide daily collective worship for all registered pupils.

In the Trumpington Federation, collective worship is set within the context of 'Assemblies' – which may include other features besides those required of collective worship.

Worship has a wide range of meanings and forms of expression. For some people this might be devotion to a divine being, power or personal God; for others it might mean reflection on, and understanding of, those elements of life which are of value and worth.

Aims and Purpose

During collective worship we aim to:

- Provide an all-inclusive opportunity to build and reinforce community values
- Reflect on and understand elements of life which are of value and worth
- Provide a variety of opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- Provide opportunities for expressing shared experiences, interests and to celebrate special occasions together
- Provide opportunities in which pupils interact with other year groups, staff and on occasions the wider community
- Fulfil statutory requirements of a daily act of collective worship for all pupils.

The School Community

At the Federation, we value the diversity of our children's backgrounds. Our school community is made up of people from many religions and cultures. While most acts of worship are of a broadly Christian nature, we conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to all faiths and beliefs and we also hold assemblies that reflect the traditions of the religions represented in the wider community.

Delivery of Collective Worship

Collective worship involves members of the school coming together and participating in an assembly every day. Assemblies normally involve all of the pupils in the school; class assemblies also take place.

Assemblies are led by the school staff and visitors as appropriate and children are actively involved as much as possible.

Special assemblies are held to celebrate special festivals and events together e.g. Eid, Hanukkah, Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Day, Chinese New Year etc. Parents may be invited to attend specific assemblies.

Friday assemblies are designated as 'Celebration Assemblies', where good work, effort, exemplary kindness and other positive behaviours are recognised.

On some occasions, assemblies may be run by local religious groups. In these assemblies, the purpose is broadening children's cultural awareness, not preaching and evangelising, so all children can interact in their own way. All individuals running assemblies follow a strict code of conduct and content of assemblies will be shared with the Headteacher before the assembly.

Assemblies are planned along broad themes in order to allow flexibility and variety in delivery and link to the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Education, Personal, Health and Social education and British Values curriculums.

Right of Withdrawal from Collective Worship

Every effort is made to show sensitivity towards personal faiths and to include all pupils and staff in collective worship.

For example if using a prayer, this is introduced with sensitivity and pupils are not required to say or affirm prayers which they do not believe. A prayer may be introduced like this: 'I am going to say a prayer now. If you would like to make it your prayer too, please join in by saying "Amen" at the end. If you would prefer just to listen quietly, that's fine too.' Likewise there is no compulsion to join in with singing a hymn or song.

Whilst we strive to be inclusive, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from religious worship. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for their request. This right of withdrawal complies with the 1944 Education Act, and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

A record is kept of all children who have been withdrawn from collective worship.

Monitoring and Review

It is the role of the Governing Body to monitor and review the policy and practice of Collective Worship in the school. To facilitate this, governors are welcome to attend Collective Worship at any time.