



Fulbrook Middle School

Collective Worship Policy

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Legal Framework

In May 2013 the DfE published guidance on Religious Education and Collective worship which stated that:

“An academy’s funding agreement is drafted to mirror the requirements for acts of collective worship in maintained schools”

This states under the Education Act 1996, all maintained schools ...must provide daily collective worship for all registered pupils.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of collective worship. Parents may exercise this right by writing to the governors requesting permission. Children will still be expected to attend whole school assemblies in the main.

The responsibility for arranging collective acts of worship rests with the Headteacher.

Organisation

At Fulbrook, we aim to provide this through organising the children in a range of different collective groupings. All children attend a whole school assembly and a whole year assembly weekly. Additionally, House Assemblies take place approximately three times a term. We believe that such assemblies help children understand that they are connected to each other in a range of different ways. Occasionally there are assemblies for groups undertaking certain activities or to celebrate good behaviour or success. Children have form time twice daily during which time there is ample opportunity to praise, direct, celebrate and reflect.

The philosophy of collective worship.

At Fulbrook, we value collective worship as a time for us to gather as a community. We welcome visitors including governors, parents and members of the local community to many of our assemblies. We consider our assemblies to be crucial to the fostering of a sense of identity and belonging in all members of the school community.

The aims of collective worship

At Fulbrook, collective worship has the following aims:

To embody, reaffirm, practise and celebrate the values we espouse as a values based school

To contribute to the spiritual, social, moral and cultural development of each child

To allow reflection upon and response to the fundamental questions of life and the concerns and values of humans

To celebrate and give thanks for achievements within and outside school, including those of the local community and the country. This will include academic, sporting and creative successes.

To develop understanding of British Values such as acceptance, tolerance, compassion and honesty

To develop appreciation of the cultural diversity of 21st century Britain

To foster and develop respect and concern for the needs of others and to reflect upon how we are all interconnected

To allow children to reflect on Christian Values and symbolism

To allow all members of the school community to spend time being quiet and still

To teach children how to behave appropriately in group situations, showing warmth and respect to others

To provide a foundation for an increasing mature understanding and practice of worship in the future

What constitutes collective worship?

The DfE says that collective worship needs to be “wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature”

At Fulbrook assemblies include:

- Talks from religious leaders and inspirational people from the local community
- Celebration of the major festivals of Christianity
- Appreciation of the natural world and human activity
- Short plays and presentations
- Focal points such as candles, a cross, flowers
- Powerpoint presentations and video clips
- The use of music and singing

In keeping with the idea of worship, assemblies are overwhelmingly positive in their focus.

Monitoring and Review.

This policy will be reviewed by the Pupil Engagement, Achievement and Policy Committee.