

	<h1>Collective Worship Policy</h1>	Resilience Respect Responsibility
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Introduction:

North Clifton Primary is a maintained school. Worship is an important part of the school day as it gives us the opportunity to come together as a community. All pupils attend Collective Worship in school, although we respect the right that some pupils may be withdrawn by their parents for religious or cultural reasons.

The Headteacher is responsible, under the school standards and framework act of 1988, for ensuring that a daily act of collective worship takes place. Consultation is also made in this matter with the governing body. The School recognises that Collective Worship provides an important opportunity to provide our pupils Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development.

Aims and Purpose:

It is our aim at North Clifton Primary School that worship should:

- Reflect values that are of a broadly Christian nature.
- Promote a sense of community within the school and a sense of belonging and pride within the local community;
- Promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development;
- Explore the meaning of Fundamental British Values and use these to underpin the school's aims and standards;
- Develop a respect for each other's beliefs and opinions;
- Be aware of local, national and international events and understand their significance and impact;
- Explore different religions and cultures, developing tolerance, love and respect;
- Provide opportunities for pupils to interact with other year groups, staff and, on occasions, the wider community;
- Further develop the school's ethos and inclusive culture.

Legal Requirements

In compliance with the Education Reform Act 1988, with subsequent clarification in the 1993 Education Act and the DFEE guidance in Circular 1/94 all of the children of North Clifton Primary School will take part in a daily act of Collective Worship, which will be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'. (ERA 1988 s.7(1) Ed Act 1993 s.138(2)

This act of worship will reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief. To ensure that it carries an appropriate, meaningful message it will, when possible, be related to the children's day-to-day lives, aspirations and concerns and will be of a moral/spiritual nature.

Acts of Collective Worship at North Clifton Primary School consider the student's ages and family backgrounds. They also reflect the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage children to participate by holding celebration assemblies, during which children can share their work, achievements and successes to others. These assemblies provide an opportunity to reward children for their achievements both in and out of school and celebrate them together.

Inclusive

It is vitally important to our inclusive nature that all children feel they play an active role in our collective worship. It is essential that collective worship supports and builds on our existing work. That it raises the child's confidence, supports their individuality and embraces all in the school. As such, our collective worship will:

- recognise and celebrate the diversity of cultures, life styles and faiths which exist in our school and local communities;
- have an atmosphere in which everyone feels valued and safe;
- be appropriate for every student to attend;
- focus on issues and experiences which are relevant to the pupils;
- foster active roles of pupils, parents and members of the local community

Rights of Withdrawal

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

At North Clifton Primary School, we seek to be an inclusive community, however we respect the right of parents to withdraw their child from Collective Worship.

This school expects that withdrawal will only be made following parental discussion with the Headteacher, followed by written confirmation of withdrawal. As required, the school will provide suitable supervision for students withdrawn from Collective Worship. No additional work is set or followed in this time.

All teachers, including the Headteacher, have the right of withdrawal from Collective Worship, but the Headteacher, should he or she wish to exercise this right, maintains statutory accountability for Collective Worship.

Organisation

Monday – Class based Collective Worship

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Wednesday – Class based Collective Worship

Thursday – Class based Collective Worship

Friday – Whole School Collective Worship

Half termly - Whole School Celebration Assembly

Planning, Recording and Evaluation

Each term there is a theme for Collective worship based on SCARF units, British values, school values, citizenship or a theme connected to a festival or season within the year.