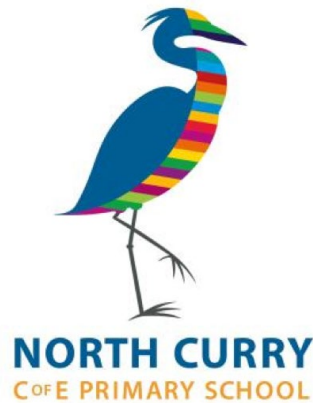




North Curry C of E Primary School

Collective Worship Policy



Signed by:

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S Colwell Chair of governors

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This policy is based upon a Guidance Document 'Collective Worship in Church of England Schools 'Inclusive Inspirational Inspiring' which has been produced by the Church of England Education Office

Introduction

This policy should be taken and used as part of North Curry Church of England Primary School's overall strategy outlining our commitment to offering high-quality collective worship. It is implemented within the context of our vision, instrument of government and aims and values as a Church of England school.

Vision

Together Everyone Achieves More through...

Loving learning, loving one another and loving life itself.

'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself' (Matthew 22: 37-39)

AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

North Curry C of E Primary School is a church school and as such, our principle beliefs and values are derived from the foundation of the Church of England.

We aim to create a safe happy, welcoming and stimulating environment where each member of the school community feels valued and cared for, both as an individual and as a member.

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Introductory Statement

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

As a Voluntary Controlled Church school academy this policy;

- is consistent with the overall aims of the school as expressed in our school vision and values.
- is consistent with the Christian Foundation of the school as expressed in the Trust Deed
- takes account of worship guidelines 'Inspirational Invitational Inspiring' Collective Worship in Church Schools (The Church of England Education Office: Version: 18.5.21)
- links to legislation related to Collective Worship (see DfES Circular 1/94 and the 1998 School Standards and Framework Act)

Definition of collective worship

For the purpose of this policy, "**collective worship**" is an act which is additional to, and separate from, ordinary school activities. Collective worship is central to fostering a sense of community and expressing the school's Christian vision and values which are fundamental to the school's ethos.

Aims and Objectives

Collective worship at North Curry C of E Primary School aims to:

- Be the unique heartbeat of the school enabling all to flourish and to 'live life in all its fullness' John 10:10.
- Enables pupils and adults to encounter faith by engaging in conversations about God, both as individuals and together.
- Provides a welcoming, inclusive and inspiring environment in which to enhance their lives.
- Provide a peaceful environment to enable stillness, prayer and reflection.
- Helps to develop an awareness and a spirit of community.
- Develops an understanding of individuals with other beliefs, acknowledging diversity and affirming each individual's life stance, whether religious or not.
- Promote a common ethos and shared values linked to our vision of 'Together Everyone Achieves More'.

Organisation and Planning

- a. The headteacher is responsible for creating the agenda for collective worship in discussion with the governing body.
- b. The act of worship will be held for 20 minutes daily in the school hall.
- c. Each worship held will have a theme relevant to current affairs and topics agreed by the headteacher and governing body.
- d. The content of all acts of collective worship will be considered to ensure suitability and relevance to pupils of all ages and backgrounds.
- e. The headteacher will establish a timetable for collective worship to make sure progression from each session is carried on to the next, as well as to ensure that learning is practically applied by pupils to their lives inside and outside of school.
- f. The school may invite visitors or guest speakers to speak during collective worship, in accordance with the timetabled theme.
- g. Guest speakers will be required to adhere to the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Staff and Visitors Code of Conduct during their visit.

Day of the week	Delivery of programme
Monday	Whole School Worship These are delivered by class teachers on a rota basis. The themes for these assemblies are linked to the weekly theme and are differentiated appropriate to pupils' ages. A hymn, prayer and reflection time are included.
Tuesday	A whole-school singing style worship assembly is delivered by class teachers to teach the children the weekly hymn linked to the theme wherever possible.
Wednesday	Whole School Worship Led by staff to further explore the weekly theme differentiated appropriate to pupils' ages. A hymn, prayer and reflection time are included.
Thursday	A whole-school assembly is delivered by visiting clergy either from the Church of St Peter and St Paul, the North Curry and Curland Methodist Church or the North Curry Baptist Church.

	Once a month the 'Open the Book' clergy team come in to lead worship alongside the Year 6 children.
Friday	A whole-school celebration assembly is delivered by the headteacher or member of the SLT or each class on an annual rolling programme.

Implementation

The school aims to promote rich and meaningful experiences of collective worship that are appropriate to pupils' needs, ages and interests by:

- Presenting displays that promote and enhance spiritual ideas and thoughts.
- Encouraging pupils to reflect and contemplate on their thoughts, feelings and beliefs.
- Using artefacts, secular stories, resources, music, art, drama and speakers to engage pupils' interest.
- Involving pupils in different experiences of worship, e.g. silence, prayer, rituals, shared or written prayers, etc.

Right to withdraw

- a. Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship and are not required to provide a reason for doing so.
- b. The headteacher will arrange alternative provision for any pupil who is withdrawn from collective worship; this may involve religious worship relevant to their particular faith or denomination provided that:
 - The effect of the alternative provision would not replace the denominational collective worship with that of the statutory, non-denominational worship.
 - Such arrangements can be made at no additional cost to the school.
 - The alternative provision would be consistent with the overall purposes of the school curriculum.

Pupils with special educational needs and disabilities

The school will take into account pupils of different ages and abilities when delivering the collective worship programme.

The school will arrange for Teaching Assistants to assist pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) if the need arises.

6 Monitoring and review

- a. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the headteacher in agreement with the governing body.
- b. This policy and current practice will be evaluated in accordance with feedback from questionnaires, formal monitoring reviews and informal class discussions/comments from the Collective Worship Comments Book.
- c. Any changes made to this policy and the collective worship programme will be communicated to all members of staff.
- d. The scheduled review date for this policy is September 2027.

8 Conclusion

The aspiration to provide collective worship that is Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring is underpinned by the following aims and objectives and will be monitored and quality assured through the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools⁶ (SIAMS). Collective worship is provided in a daily whole-school assembly, and is a time for the whole school to reflect on spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues. It is also distinctively Christian and contributes fully to the life and wellbeing of the school.