



WINWICK C.E. (Aided) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collective Worship Autumn 2015

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalm 146 verse 1 & 2

1 Aims and purpose

1.1 The aims and purpose of Collective Worship are:

- to provide an opportunity for the children to worship God;
- to enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- to enable children to explore their own beliefs;
- to encourage participation and response;
- to develop in children a sense of community spirit;
- to promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes;
- to teach children how to worship.

2 Collective Worship

2.1 We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective Worship involves all members of the school coming together and participating in an assembly. We expect everyone to take an active part in the Collective Worship.

2.2 In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that Collective Worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', we normally base our Collective Worship on the teachings of Christ and traditions of the Christian Church. However, we conduct our Collective Worship in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school.

2.3 Collective Worship in our school is in accordance with the trust deed, is Christian and follows the church year..

3 Organization of Collective Worship

3.1 We hold a daily act of Collective Worship in our school. This format of our Collective Worship is:

- Monday; Whole School Collective Worship with Canon June Steventon.
- Tuesday; Key Stage 2 Singing Praise, Key Stage 1 Collective Worship.

- Wednesday; Key Stage 1 Singing Praise, Key Stage 2 Collective Worship Led by The Gospel Hall.
- Thursday; Class Collective Worship.
- Friday; Whole School 'Open the Book' Led by Hope Church, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Collective Worship followed by Celebration Worship.
- Once Every Half term a class leads a Collective Worship and they invite their parents to attend.

3.2 We conduct Collective Worship in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that Collective Worship time is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully to the teachings and participate fully in prayer and hymns. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and sometimes candles or other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of the children.

3.3 The headteacher or other members of staff normally conduct Collective Worship, but sometimes local clergy or other representatives of local religious groups conduct them instead.

3.4 We take the themes of our Collective Worship from the traditions of the Christian faith and we often reflect the festivals and events of the Christian calendar. Sometimes the themes of our Collective Worship reflect and build on topics that we teach as part of the school curriculum. We plan our Collective Worship as part of a series of themes well in advance of the day they take place. When planning Collective Worship we use 'Values for Life' as a resource to support us in promoting the teaching of Christian values. The teaching of a Christian Value lasts for half a term and we choose six values each academic year.

3.5 Our Collective Worship reflects the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in assemblies by showing their work to the other children and raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Collective Worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of schools. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Winwick Church of England Primary School is a successful school and we shall celebrate the successes of all the children in Collective Worship.

3.6 We invite parents, of the leading class, to Collective Worship on a half termly basis and we encourage them to attend, as this promotes the community spirit of the school and is a practical demonstration of the way the home and the school work together to support the achievements of our children.

3.7 We welcome governors' attendance at our Collective Worship at any time.

4 Right of withdrawal

4.1 We expect all children to attend Collective Worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do

not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

4.2 The headteacher keeps a record of all children who withdraw from Collective Worship.

5 Monitoring and review

5.1 It is the role of a named school governor with responsibility for religious education and Collective Worship to monitor the policy and practice of Collective Worship. The governor concerned liaises with the Collective Worship lead before reporting to the governors on religious education and Collective Worship.

Review

This policy is the responsibility of the Senior Management Team and should be reviewed by all staff in 2015

This policy was agreed by all members of staff on _____

Accepted by Governors on: _____

Signed by: _____ *(Chair of Governors)*

Review date: _____