

Ludlow Junior School
Collective Worship policy
Reviewed: March 2018
To be reviewed: March 2020

Aims

Our collective worship strengthens the community ethos of our school. It is planned to enable all pupils of any religion or none to take part as appropriate. The aim of our collective worship is to:

- make values explicit and develop pupils' thinking so they are able to explore their own beliefs and motivations
- help pupils develop their own spirituality and foster sensitivity to the beliefs, practices and values of others
- build a sense of community so pupils consider their place in the community and what it means to be a citizen
- help pupils know and celebrate who they are and who they might become
- mark occasions of celebration and commemoration
- provide quiet time for reflection upon the fundamental questions of existence
- encourage hope, aspiration, awe, wonder & develop self-understanding, empathy, compassion and wisdom

All present (pupils, staff and visitors) should feel valued whatever their faith or beliefs with no assumption of a shared religious commitment. Collective worship will acknowledge and respect the responses of individual pupils and provide opportunities for them to express their feelings, delight at life, wonder, and joy.

Organisation

The school provides a daily act of collective worship which is of a broadly Christian character and which draws inspiration from a range of faiths, beliefs and traditions. Pupils should be prepared to participate, listen, watch, discuss, answer questions, sing and share in quiet times.

Once a week year groups will have a collective worship assembly which is lead by year group teachers and last about 20 mins. On all other days collective worship takes place in class by the class teacher or in other year group assemblies but which allows the children to participate in a reflection time and discuss and answer questions.

Content

The content of collective worship is planned on a 4 yearly cycle by the Worship Committee to enhance the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of

pupils. The content provides opportunities for reflection and for celebration and recognition of each pupil's potential. The acts of worship will:

- Be educational - a learning experience for all.
- Be curricular - an integral part of whole school planning.
- Be inclusive - an experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain.
- Have a sense of occasion and offer something class lessons don't.
- Meet the needs of our particular school community.

Evaluation

The school values the impact of collective worship on the wellbeing of all members of the school community and ensures that collective worship is regularly monitored and evaluated by senior leadership, governors, parents, pupils and members of our Worship Committee.

Withdrawal

Parents may withdraw their children from collective worship but we believe our collective worship is inclusive and beneficial for all pupils so it is hoped that no one will be withdrawn. Contact the Head Teacher to discuss any concerns.