



Cromford C of E Primary School

Name of Policy: Collective Worship

Policy Number: 86

This policy has been reviewed on 15th March 2018 and has been impact assessed in the light of all other school policies including the Disability Equality Scheme.

Chair: Gill Donaldson

Minute Number: 11.1.6

Next Review date: Spring 2020

Introduction & Statutory Duty of the School

As Church of England Voluntary Controlled school our daily collective worship is of a wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.

All maintained schools have a statutory duty to provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents when they are supervised by school staff). At Cromford this is usually provided within a daily act of Collective Worship.

The school policy reflects the consensus of all teaching staff and has been drawn up as a result of staff discussion and has the full agreement of the Governing Body.

The Headteacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective act of worship after consultation with the Governing Body.

Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the Headteacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Aims

Aims of collective worship are to provide pupils with the opportunities to:

- ◆ Worship God
- ◆ Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- ◆ Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- ◆ Consider spiritual and moral issues
- ◆ Respond to the worship offered

Entitlement

All pupils have an entitlement of access to the collective act of worship but parents retain the right to withdraw their children from assemblies.

Implementation

Collective worship is provided within a daily assembly as a whole school assembly.

A timetable of suitable themes and resources for whole school assembly is provided by the RE Co-ordinator, in liaison with local clergy each term. Resources are kept in the hall and the teachers' section in the school library.

The RE coordinator for Cromford School is Helena Beaumont.

Once a week a Sharing Assembly is held where two or more pupils, from different age groups, share some of the work they have undertaken during the week. Pupils also select the hymns and participate in the prayers. In addition, the winning 'Houses' are decided upon and Headteacher awards are given out.

In addition, assemblies may be presented by visitors from outside the school such as the Christian based St Mary's Church, Cromford Methodist, Michael Tinker from MAST (Matlock Area Schools Trust) and Open the Book.

Review

The Headteacher and teaching staff will review this policy, its implementation and effectiveness and present it to Governors in accordance with the policy schedule.

Headteacher

Adopted by the Governing Body