



St Margaret's Church of England Primary School

"The roots to grow and the wings to fly"

*They will soar high on wings like eagles.
Isaiah 40:31*

Collective Worship Policy February 2023

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Collective Worship Policy

Our inclusive school family provides everyone with firm roots and foundations which enable them to aim high, use their gifts and fly. Every child and adult is special to God and uniquely made in his image – we strive to ensure that all members of our school’s body understand their worth and value. All members of our school’s body seek to nurture the following Christian values (roots):

Roots (our Christian values):

- ‘Encourage one another and build each other up.’ (Thessalonians 5:11) – friendship
- ‘Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.’ (Colossians 3:13) - forgiveness
- ‘Do to others as you would have them do to you.’ (Matthew 7:12) – respect
- ‘Tell the truth to each other.’ (Zechariah 8:16) – truthfulness
- ‘I can do all things through him who strengthens me.’ (Philippians 4:13) – perseverance
- ‘Always be thankful.’ (1 Thessalonians 5:16) – thankfulness
- ‘For the body itself is not made up of only one part but of many parts.’ (1 Corinthians 12:14) – citizenship (koinonia)

These roots give our children the ‘Wings to fly’. This means:

- The ability to live in and value a diverse society.
- Realising that there are no limits to your potential.
- Having the confidence to make informed choices and to think for yourself.
- Being aware of your own gifts and using them wisely.
- Playing a part in making the world a better place.
- Recognising and celebrating the good in everybody and everything.

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As a Church of England Primary School, we see our Collective Worship as a central part of school life. Our Collective Worship Policy fulfills the statutory requirements common to all schools according to the 1988 Education Reform Act (and consolidated in the 1996 Education Act). It also fulfills the Diocesan requirements which states that worship will be Christian in content with an Anglican emphasis.

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Aims

Our aim is that our worship contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all children and staff.

Our policy for Collective Worship supports this by:

- Recognising that Collective Worship is an important opportunity to provide opportunities for our pupils' and staff spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Providing a daily act of Collective Worship for all pupils which enables them to:
 - Worship God
 - Reflect on Christian values for school, personal development, multi-faith festivals and celebrate successes in and out of school
 - Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
 - Consider spiritual and moral issues
 - Respond to the worship offered
 - Respond to Christian language and symbolism and experience stillness and quiet
 - Experience a variety of forms of prayer and meditations. These might include praise, seeking forgiveness or quiet reflection
 - Begin to understand the nature and purpose of worship

Ensuring the daily act of Collective Worship be distinctly Christian in content and follows the liturgical calendar.

Collective Worship will be:

- Inspiring, invitational and inclusive
- Led by senior leaders, staff, children, clergy and visitors
- Develop the Christian vision and ethos of the school and focus on our school Christian values
- Heavily involves pupils through members of the Collective Worship team
- Celebrate and give thanks for the achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals
- Provide a foundation for a mature understanding and practice of worship in the future
- Take place in the school hall, church or on occasions the classroom
- Respect the right of parents to withdraw their children for Collective Worship

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Content of Daily Worship

As a Church of England school, the content of our worship is organised to:

- Follow a half termly / yearly cycle to cover our 7 Christian values
- Cover all the major Christian festivals including Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost
- Be rooted in Biblical teaching
- Use prayer including the Lord's prayer and prayers written by pupils and led by the Collective Worship group
- Be presented using a variety of styles and to include music, story, drama, enthusiastic singing, reflection and reverence in prayer time

Special Services and Visitors

We value our links with our local Churches in the village of Stoke Golding. We hold our Harvest, Easter, some Open the Book services as well as our end of year service in St Margaret's church as well as visiting regularly at other times of the year. Members of the clergy lead some Collective Worship in school and we invite other members of the community in to lead worship as well. Parents and other members of the community are welcome to attend our Collective Worship in church.

Inclusion and Withdrawal

Collective Worship is central to the life of the school. However, parents / carers do have a legal right to withdraw their children from all or part of worship. Before making the decision to exercise that right, parents/carers are encouraged to discuss the issues with the Executive Principal or Head of School. Staff also have the right to withdraw on grounds of conscience, but we hope that all staff will feel able to support the Christian ethos of the school by participating in Collective Worship.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

Collective Worship is regularly evaluated by members of staff and children. As part of staff meetings, questionnaires and SLT we discuss what has gone well and what we could do to improve our Collective Worship further.

The school will review this policy regularly and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

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