



Cumnor CE Primary School Collective Worship (Assembly) Policy

Agreed by Governors:

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At Cumnor we believe that school assembly has a crucial role in offering the pupils and others an opportunity to reflect on values and issues in the context of our caring, supportive and inclusive ethos, underpinned by Christian personal, social, moral and spiritual values. These core values support the development of the whole child, building self-esteem, encouraging responsibility for personal behaviour and learning and helping all to become aware and responsible citizens in a multi-cultural world.

Our policy sets out clearly our aspiration that collective worship will be a valuable and valued experience for all members of our school community whatever their backgrounds and beliefs. It is invitational, inclusive and reflective in nature and never coercive or indoctrinatory.

Our aim is to provide pupils and staff with the opportunity to:

- Celebrate-
 - Christian seasons and festivals
 - School values
 - Pupil's achievements
- Increase awareness of the personal, social, moral and spiritual Christian values that underpin the life of the school.
- Develop spiritual, moral and social understanding and growth..
- Encourage a reflective approach to life through listening, prayer and silence.
- Develop a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty of the world around us.
- Be introduced to aspects of religious worship, which in this school will be of a mainly Christian nature.
- Enhance the experience of worship through singing and by providing a variety of music
- Participate and respond, through active involvement in the planning, leading and evaluation of worship.
- Foster a sense of fellowship by bringing staff and children together each day.
- Share moments of concern and sadness, happiness and celebration that are part of life.

We aim to deliver these aims through a rich and varied programme of daily assemblies that will include:

Monday	Introduction of weekly theme and value
Tuesday	Key Stage assemblies exploring the weekly value
Wednesday	Hymn Practice
Thursday	Whole school assembly on the weekly value, led by church staff
Friday	Class-led assembly for the whole school or achievement celebrations

Leading worship

Worship is lead by a variety of people from within the school and from the local Church Community. *Pupils are also given the opportunities to lead worship.* During the school year we also welcome guests from the community to lead assemblies. School holds services in St Michael's Church on at least 4 occasions during the year. Harvest, Christmas, Easter and for leavers. Parents are invited to attend these, as well as class-led assemblies.

Acts of collective worship

The content and activities included in worship are planned according to the season/theme and needs of the pupils. In addition to the traditional elements of worship such as prayer and song, children may also be involved through drama and dance.

Prayer is a vital part of our worship. It is introduced with a form of words that invites but does not coerce pupils to participate. Our prayers are addressed to God reflecting the traditions of the Church of England. Pupils who prefer not to pray are encouraged to use these times to reflect on the important messages shared in our worship.

Our worship is reviewed regularly through discussions with participants, observation and reflection and our evaluations are fed into the planning for future worship.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from all or any acts of worship if they choose to. In the first instance, parents who may wish to exercise this right should make an appointment to speak with the Headteacher..