

St Mary's C-of E Primary School Collective Worship Policy.

Adopted by the Governors of St Mary's on 22nd Sept 2009

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils 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.

Statutory Duty of School

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). This is usually provided within a daily assembly.

The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting 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 head teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Collective worship in foundation schools with a religious character and voluntary schools will be in accordance with the school's trust deed. Where provision is not made by a trust deed, the worship should be in accordance with the beliefs of the religion or denomination specified for the school.

Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time, will:

be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils

include a variety of elements at different times

involve the pupils.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

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

To be reviewed Sept 2010.

