



Collective Worship Policy

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Collective Worship Policy

The Collective Worship Policy at Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the LEA through its SACRE.

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. At our school assemblies are predominately Christian in nature.

Aims of Collective Worship

For the School:

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- celebrate achievement and special times
- explore together the world in which we live
- develop a community spirit

For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- worship that which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- develop their own spirituality
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human

The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, at Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School, Collective Worship will at times feature aspects of the curriculum which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work

done in classes. At times, Collective Worship will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy which informs our practice. To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it should address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship will usually take place in the school hall. Acts of worship will usually last for approximately 20 minutes, although it is recognised that this time will be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate.

Leadership

Collective Worship will usually be led by the Headteacher. During the year teachers and visitors will also be involved in leading acts of worship.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

The content of all acts of Collective Worship will be considered carefully, to ensure relevance and suitability for the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of all pupils. Planning includes different themes, special occasions and events, but will be flexible to allow the inclusion of current and topical issues. Planning will ensure that there is continuity and progression, and enable the monitoring and evaluation of acts of worship to take place.

Withdrawal

Any parent/carer who objects to their child attending an act or acts of Collective Worship may request that their child is withdrawn. This will be noted on the child's end of year report. Parents/Carers are encouraged to discuss this with the headteacher. Any pupil who is withdrawn from an act or acts of Collective Worship will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

'Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School is committed to all aspects of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.'

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