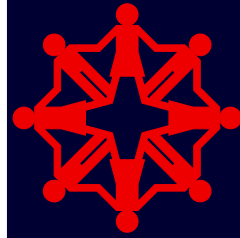


All Saints' C of E Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

Reviewed: December 2023

Next Review: December 2024

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

All Saints' School is an open and caring community committed to Christian values. Our school is based on the love of learning, social justice, inclusion and responsibility. It is committed to bringing positive change and peace in our local community, and the world, since we are all made in God's image.

"What does the Lord require from you, but to **do justice**, and **love kindness** and to **walk humbly** with your God" Micah 6:8.

This policy is intended to ensure the consistency across the school for the provision of **Collective Worship**.

All Saints C of E Primary School is a Voluntary Aided School established in 2012. It is a one formed entry school, with a Nursery providing Christian based education for children from the ages of 3 to 11 years. The school has a particular relationship with the community of Upper Norwood through its association with its founding church, All Saints Church of England, Upper Norwood.

Our school policies are also centered on our six core Christian Values to promote a culture of mutual respect.

1. Respect
2. Peace
3. Love
4. Faith
5. Perseverance
6. Hope

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Collective Worship at All Saints C of E Primary School is determined by the Governing Body, in accordance with the school's trust deed, and therefore, in the main, reflects the traditions of the Church of England. The planning and organisation of Collective Worship is arranged by the R.E Coordinator and the Vicar of All Saints' Church.

The daily act of Collective Worship is a legal requirement in all schools. In a Church School it should always be Christian worship and it should reflect the traditions of the Church of England. It should provide opportunity for everyone in the school to:

- Express praise and thanksgiving to God

- Reflect on the attributes of God
- Reflect on the teaching of Christ
- Affirm Christian values and attitudes
- Share each other's joys and challenges
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar
- Foster respect and unity
- Deepen spiritual awareness

(from SDBE Policy Statement)

Aims

At the heart of All Saints C of E Primary School lies a serious commitment to worship which reflects Christian belief. The act of Collective Worship provides a time each day for all members of our school community to pray to and worship God. It plays an important role in establishing our community as one based on the ministry and teaching of Jesus. Collective Worship provides an opportunity for all to contribute to and from which all can gain, no matter what their personal commitment.

The act of worship also helps to establish, embed and give expression to the Christian values which form part of the school ethos. The act of worship recognises that the school community has pupils from many faith traditions and none and affirms the spiritual journey of every child.

Agreed practice

Acts of collective Worship are daily, planned, intentional experiences providing pupils with opportunities to experience and understand ideas of wonder, justice and responsibility within a reflective and significant atmosphere.

A pattern of services take place at All Saints Church, particularly the services associated with the main Christian festivals of Harvest, Christmas, Easter and All Saints Day. In addition, the end of the school year is marked by celebrating the achievements of the pupils leaving the school and moving on to Secondary School. Parents and friends are always invited to share in these celebrations.

Main Themes for Collective Worship:

- Events in the Anglican Liturgical Calendar
- Knowledge and understand of the Bible
- Half termly themes: Respect, Peace, Love, Faith, Perseverance, Hope
- The school's vision is woven throughout- specifically, Do justice, Love Kindness and Walk Humbly

Our school worship takes the following forms:

Two days a week the whole school joins together as a worshipping community led by the Head Teacher, Vicar of All Saints' Church, Deputy or another member of staff.

Once a week achievement and effort are celebrated with reference to the school's vision (Praise Worship- EYFS & KS1 and KS2 separate).

Once a week Class Worship altogether led by a class celebrating a topical event/season in the church calendar with reference to the school vision- parents of that class are invited to attend.

Once a week- Class sing and Praise Worship

Enrichment Opportunities

- Visit to places of worship including Southwark Cathedral and places of worship for other faiths e.g. local mosque, Buddhist Temple
- Church Services
- Visitors and Christian groups
- Special theme days
- Singing, music, the school has music groups and choirs

Resources

Music, books, website links, Bibles, prayer books, artefacts

Monitoring and Evaluation

Collective Worship and Church Services are monitored and evaluated regularly in a variety of ways. These include:

- Termly evaluation meetings as necessary by the Headteacher, staff and the governors of the Church and Community Committee
- Discussions with pupils
- Discussions with staff
- Visits and subsequent oral or written reports from school governors
- Feedback from parents/carers taking part/observing

Health and Safety

Refer to Health and Safety Policy

Lighting of candles in hall and classrooms

Parents/Carers and Collective Worship

All children are included and are given equal access and opportunities to take part in Collective Worship. Parents do have the legal right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship on the grounds of conscience. However, we strongly encourage parents to contact the Headteacher if they have concerns and/or anxieties about policy, provision and practice of Collective Worship at All Saints C of E Primary School

