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**Kimbolton C of E Primary School**

**Collective Worship Policy**

**Introduction**

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that worship should be a part of a balanced curriculum which promotes the spiritual, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and society.

The law requires that:

1. All pupils at maintained schools must take part in an act of collective worship each school day.

2. An act of worship may be held for the whole school or groups of children.

3. A school may select the time(s) for its collective worship.

4. In County and controlled schools, worship should take place on the school premises (other agreed venues for aided, special agreement and grant maintained schools).

5. Most acts of collective worship should reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief.

6. If the above (ie 5) is not appropriate, an appeal can be made to the local SACRE for acceptable alternative forms of worship.

7. Parents may request that a child be excused attendance at collective worship. Teachers may also withdraw from acts of collective worship, but may be required to supervise pupils who are not attending worship.

**Rationale**

As part of our high-quality collective worship we seek to enable pupils and staff to:

* further their spiritual, moral, cultural and mental development.
* value the individual and promote self worth
* know that each and everyone is equal in the love of God
* see that worship is relevant to everyday life
* enable pupils to make positive changes to their lives
* appreciate that people differ and should be approached in a spirit of openness
* strengthen the community and ethos of our school
* prepare for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.
* enable pupils to lay foundations on which a mature understanding and practice of worship may be later developed.
* explore values and beliefs

**Aims**

kimbolton C E Primary School will:

• provide opportunities for reaction, reflection and response.

• provide a variety of activities to encourage participation and discussion

* involve and interest all members of the school community

• encourage pupils to express their own views and respect those of other people.

• involve other curriculum areas

* foster links with the local community by involvement with our collective worship

**Principles**

As a Voluntary Aided School, collective worship will usually reflect the traditions of Christian belief. Our worship is planned around themes which run half termly. Our external partners are asked to deliver sessions that tie in with these themes. Our Worship policy should be read in conjunction with the school’s policy on Religious Education.

**Weekly Organisation -**

**Monday** Whole school collective worship / Joe from spotlight alternating

**Tuesday** Headmaster’s themed worship

**Wednesday** Songs of Praise – whole school singing

**Thursday** Celebration Worship

**Friday** Open the Book – external church group alternating with whole school assembly led by one of our staff

Termly acts of worship will be held in St James’ Church and the team vicar is always invited to lead/ take part. Once a year we also visit one of our surrounding churches to celebrate ascension.

**In worship we strive to arouse:**

• give children the opportunity to have an encounter with God

* enthusiasm and participation

• a sense of caring and sharing

• a sense of community

• a sense of awe

• an opportunity to celebrate

* an opportunity to reflect and pray

**Our pupils should be taught:**

* The seasonal traditions of the Christian calendar
* The relationship between God and Jesus
* The value of taking action to change one’s life
* Our school values

**Formative Assessment** (AfL) - (monitoring the quality of worship in school)

Worship leaders will feedback any improvements needed after individual worships to the planning team.

**Summative Assessment** – (evaluating the impact of worship in school)

We make judgements about our progress as a school once a year in our annual worship review. In addition we review the planning and delivery for each term’s worship as part of the planning process for the next term. This will be done using the grading descriptors and pupil & staff reviews.

**Resources at Kimbolton**

The Worship file, candle, cross and table are kept in the hall. The lighter is kept in the office. The electronic resources are found on the shared drive.

Hymn books are used but increasingly words and music from Out of the Ark or the internet are used instead.

**Moderating and review**

Our governors will review our planning and internal reviews at least annually. Open the Book are invited to feed into the review and planning.

The policy will be reviewed every 5 years in line with the launch of new RE and Worship curriculum.

Last reviewed Autumn 2016

Date of current review Autumn 2021

Approved by Governors

Date to be reviewed