

**ST. GEORGE'S (HANOVER SQUARE) C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

2016-17



**St George's Mission Statement**

St George's is a Christian school which works in partnership with parents, governors, the church and the local community.

Through friendliness and care we develop independent, successful and confident learners

In reverence we embrace the awe and wonder of God's creation

In service we celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of each other

**St George's School Motto**

Working together for the achievement of all

**St George's School Values**

Respect, Kindness, Creativity, Forgiveness, Friendship and Honesty

The Collective Worship Policy at St George's CE Primary School follows the guidance of:

- Circular 1/94 Religious Education and Collective Worship
- Diocesan guidelines

Collective worship is the joining together of the whole or part of the school community in an act of celebration, prayer, reflection and fellowship, reflecting the ethos of the school and the traditions of the Church of England.

### **The Aims of Collective Worship**

- To develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- To promote spiritual, cultural and moral development
- To provide the opportunity for pupils to experience worship of God
- To allow pupils to reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- To enable pupils to gain insights into ways in which people express themselves within their faith commitments and to be sensitive to those different ways of responding
- To consider spiritual and moral issues
- To contemplate something of the mystery of God and the wonder of the unknown
- To reinforce positive attitudes
- To respond to and celebrate life

### **Principles**

At St George's school collective worship occasions are based on the principles that they should be:

- Inclusive
- Educational
- Spiritual

Acts of collective worship also contribute to the moral, social and cultural development of children. They are seen as special times where pupils can feel secure and relaxed and share with others to foster a feeling of community.

## **Planning**

Collective Worship is planned on a termly basis and follows themes which promote spiritual, cultural and moral development. These themes may be related to:

- Religious events
- Special days
- Special events in the life of the school
- Topics being undertaken
- Moral stories

The themes planned enable the pupils to reflect on matters of importance and offer them the chance to respond through a variety of activities, songs, music making, hymns, drama, role-play, the visual arts, silent thought, prayer and discussion. Where appropriate, they could link these up with the class assembly.

The themes for the year are organised into half terms and a general overview of what could be covered is shared with staff at the beginning of each term.

## **Organisation**

- Are organised and arranged to develop a sense of occasion
- Pupils are expected to enter and leave quietly
- When the pupils are in the hall, they sit in class groups
- Music is played at the start and end of the assembly
- At all assemblies, a candle is lit as a point of focus whilst prayer is spoken by the member of staff leading the assembly. This may be followed by 'The Lord's Prayer'
- A hymn/song is sung
- Parents and members of the local community are invited at regular intervals each term to assemblies; visiting speakers are always welcomed.
- Children's achievement is celebrated together

## **Collective Worship Timetable**

Whole school collective worship takes place Monday to Thursday in the theatre and on Friday in the Grosvenor Chapel. All classes attend along

with all members of staff. Whole school collective worship sessions last for approximately 15-20 minutes.

<b>Monday</b>	Led by the headteacher
<b>Tuesday</b>	Led by an AHT
<b>Wednesday</b>	Praise and Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	Led by teaching staff or a class assembly
<b>Friday</b>	Led by Rev Roderick Leece or Rev Richard Fermer

If a class are unable to attend the assembly for any reason, class teachers are required to lead the children in their form in a period of collective worship or reflection for that particular day.

Children are given opportunities to choose to read a prayer or Grace before lunch each day with the candle lit. Prayers are also said at the end of the day.

### **Visitors**

Visitors to the school are welcomed and enabled to share their experiences and knowledge. The Grosvenor Chapel is our most valuable and frequently used resource, with the whole school attending regularly through the year.

### **Monitoring**

Collective worship is monitored regularly by all stakeholders to ensure that changes are made accordingly to offer the best.

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