



Horton CE VA Primary School

Collective Worship Policy March 2019

Horton CE VA Primary School is a church school where the core Christian values of forgiveness, compassion, honesty, and respect permeate throughout all aspects of school life. These are the values we teach and encourage the children to demonstrate and the values we expect to see demonstrated in all aspects of the wider school community.

Start Date	March 2019
Review Date	March 2022
Headteachers Signature	
Chair of Governors Signature	
Date ratified by Full Governing Body under Minute Number	

Policy Statement: Collective worship

Rationale

Collective worship will aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to explore, reflect upon and respond to the Christian faith, moral issues and their own beliefs. Participation and response are encouraged whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to and joining in the worship offered. Collective Worship will provide opportunities to develop community spirit and promote a common ethos based on Christian values.

The Legal Requirements

Horton School is a VA Church of England Primary School. As such it has a Trust Deed (and Ethos Statement) which states that worship “ should be in accordance with the principles and practice of the Church of England” Collective worship takes account of the ages, aptitude and background of the pupils and is provided for daily for all pupils except those withdrawn by parents. Since worship is central to the life of the school withdrawal may only be made following discussions with the head teacher and a foundation governor, followed by written confirmation. Staff are expected to attend worship.

Worship at Horton CE VA Primary School Aims to:

- Strengthen and support the school community and celebrate each unique individual member as made in the image of God
- Help children develop an awareness of the presence of God in everyday life.
- Develop an appreciation of the special relationship between God and people expressed in the life of Jesus.
- Allow reflection and response to fundamental questions of life and those things that are of eternal concern and value to human beings.
- Help pupils to understand the nature and purpose of worship.
- Provide opportunities for thanksgiving and enjoying the unity which comes from sharing love, joy, friendship, anguish, fear and forgiveness.
- Give children experience of being active members of a caring community.
- Help children value each other and develop an awareness and concern for others.
- Help develop standards, attitudes and values fundamental to the Christian faith.
- Focus on beliefs and values which the school upholds as a community.

Structure

In Horton school, worship is organised in the following ways:

- Monday- whole school worship led by the Head
- Tuesday— class worship
- Wednesday- Visitors- vicar, (links with RE curriculum) / representative from the Baptist Church
- Thursday- house worship
- Friday – celebration assembly

Worship normally takes place in the school and four times a year in the Church

Guidelines

- Themes for worship will be planned around Christian values and records kept of each act of worship.
- The cycle of the church year will be observed and services will be held in the Church for major festivals.
- The Bible will be used as a source of inspiration and learning.
- An atmosphere for worship will be created by using Christian symbols and appropriate music.

- Pupils will be encouraged to become involved in presenting worship when appropriate.
- Visitors from the wider community will be invited to lead worship as appropriate.
- A variety of hymns and well known prayers will be used.
- The Foundation Governors and members of the Ethos committee will monitor worship, by observation of individual acts of worship and through pupil conferencing.
- Resources for Collective worship will be kept up to date.

CONCLUSION

This policy has been approved by the staff/ethos committee and governors of the school and will be used in conjunction with other school policies. It will be reviewed every year.