

TRUST Policy	Collective Worship					
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Audience	Trustees		Staff	✓	Pupils	✓
	Local Academy Council	✓	Parents	✓	General Public	✓

1. Introduction

At Church Eaton Primary School, we believe collective worship plays a vital role in the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of all our pupils. This policy outlines the principles and practices of collective worship in our school.

2. Legal Framework

This policy is written in accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, which require all maintained schools to provide daily collective worship for registered pupils.

- Collective worship must be “wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character” unless an exemption has been granted.
- Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship.
- Teachers also have the right to withdraw from leading or participating in collective worship.

3. Aims of Collective Worship

Our collective worship aims to:

- Provide opportunities for pupils to reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian character and relevant to all, regardless of faith background.
- Foster a sense of community, belonging, and shared values.
- Celebrate achievements and special events.
- Encourage reflection, stillness, and a sense of awe and wonder.
- Promote spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development.

4. Organisation

- Worship takes place regularly, either as a whole school, or in class groups.
- The Headteacher, teaching staff, and occasional visitors (e.g. local clergy or community leaders) lead worship.
- Collective worship is planned on a half-termly basis to ensure a balanced and varied experience.

5. Content of Worship

Worship may include:

- Stories (biblical, moral, inspirational)
- Music and singing
- Prayer or time for silent reflection
- Celebrations of religious festivals from a variety of traditions
- Themes related to school rules- ready , respectful and safe
- Themes related to pillars of the school- community, diversity and social mobility
- Curriculum links (e.g., RE, PSHE, British Values)

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6. Inclusivity

We aim to ensure collective worship is inclusive and meaningful for all pupils:

- Language used is appropriate and accessible.
- Pupils are invited but not compelled to participate in prayer or religious observance.
- Worship content acknowledges and respects the diversity of pupils' faiths and beliefs.

7. Right to Withdraw

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from collective worship. Requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher. Alternative arrangements will be made for pupils withdrawn.

8. Monitoring and Evaluation

- The Headteacher is responsible for overseeing collective worship.
- Collective worship is monitored periodically through observation and pupil/ staff feedback.
- The policy is reviewed every [2/3] years or in response to new guidance.