

KIRKBY MALZEARD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy Title: Collective Worship Policy

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Rationale:

Kirkby Malzeard School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School where the Christian Ethos is central to the life of the school community. Our Vision and Mission Statement reflect those Christian values.

Our school is a place of inspiration allowing children to develop their knowledge in a safe and caring environment. We set the foundation for a lifetime of achievement, where every child is encouraged to do their best and contribute to their own learning goals. The staff team are there to help build a strong solid footing on which pupils can succeed in all aspects, working with guidance to develop and expand their own education.

Our Ethos builds upon our Christian Values of Love, Peace, Kindness & Patience to ensure we develop a school with;

Confident & happy learners

All pupils successful

Responsible citizens

Equipped with skills for life

Working together to build a happy and successful school our Mission is;

***To provide high quality education in a safe, happy, supportive, stimulating environment.**

***To provide a broad, balanced curriculum to progressively develop the personal, academic, moral, spiritual, social and physical needs of all pupils.**

***To develop a love of learning and the confidence and competence to draw on learning now and throughout life.**

***To help all to be optimistic and positive, to accept opportunities and responsibilities and to cope with disappointments.**

***To seek interactive involvement with families, villagers, the churches and wider communities.**

***To have a high expectancy of all members of our school community for honesty, trust, loyalty, fairness, respect for each other and to realize the rewards of hard work.**

Collective Worship in our school will fulfil the legal requirements of the Education Reform Act (E.R.A.) 1988 for Church of England Voluntary Controlled schools. Worship, therefore will be in accordance with our Mission Statement and reflect the principles and practices of the Church of England.

Aims:

- ❖ Worship should be meaningful and educational for our children.
- ❖ Worship should respect the integrity of all of our school family and the Christian foundation of our school.

Objectives

Throughout a child's time in our school they will through collective worship:-

- ❖ Have encountered a sense of occasion of awe, wonder and respect.
- ❖ Have experience of a sense of community.
- ❖ Have started to explore a time for stillness, reflection and prayer.
- ❖ Have begun to develop a sense of when to listen and when to be silent.
- ❖ Have been encouraged to think reflectively.
- ❖ Have had experience of special events in the Christian calendar.

- ❖ Have some appreciation of the use of symbolism and religious language to express feelings and belief.
- ❖ Have taken part and shared in performances of special services of worship in church.
- ❖ Have made a valued link with the school church and wider community.
- ❖ Have had opportunities to sing and enjoy hymns.
- ❖ Begin to have an understanding of prayer and religious belief.
- ❖ Have had opportunities provided for their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- ❖ Have celebrated difference and diversity.
- ❖ Have been introduced to some symbols used in worship.
- ❖ Have experience of a variety of styles and forms involved in the delivery of worship.
- ❖ Have celebrated achievements and special occasions in respect of individuals, the school and wider community.
- ❖ Have had opportunities to take an active role in worship e.g. lead prayers, play instruments, organise music etc

The Collective Worship Session

There will be a whole school Collective Worship session at 1.10pm – 1.30pm on three days of the week. One day of the week (the day will vary from year to year) worship will take place in classrooms (in KS2 this will be led by the children). On a Friday the session will be at 3.10pm – 3.30pm and will take the form of a 'Celebration Assembly'. Music will be used at the start and close of worship and a candle will be lit. Other symbols will be used as appropriate.

The 'Church Year' will be reflected in the Collective Worship timetable.

The head teacher- Mrs Peacock – is responsible, under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, for arranging the daily act of worship after consultation with the governing body. The Collective Worship at Kirkby Malzeard CE School is mainly of a broadly Christian character.

Forward planning will identify themes, sometimes linked to SEAL objectives and celebrations of other faiths. Members of the clergy conduct Collective Worship in school, as do other carefully chosen adults. The children attend the church for start of term services, Harvest Festival, Christmas Carol Service and other special events.

Monitoring, Evaluation & Review

The quality of collective worship will be evaluated as any other area of the curriculum. This will include the observation of CW and the completion of evaluation forms.

The staff, foundation governors and children will be included in the evaluation process. This may take the form of an evaluation form for adults or discussion with groups of children e.g. School Council.

Under the terms of the Education Act 1944 (Section 25) parents may withdraw a child from part or all of the religious instruction or worship of the school.

Adopted by the Governing Body on: May 2013

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