

Yeadon Westfield Infant School
Collective Worship Policy

This is an appendix to the school's R.E. policy

The Collective Worship Policy at Yeadon Westfield Infant School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the LEA through its SACRE. It is sympathetic with the philosophy and aims of the school.

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Aims of Collective Worship

For the School:

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of the school and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- celebrate achievement and special times
- explore together the world in which we live
- develop a community spirit

For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- develop their own spirituality
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human

The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, at times it will feature aspects of the curriculum. Collective Worship will also enrich and reinforce the curriculum as the subject matter includes areas of SEAL, PSCH and other curriculum areas. To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it will address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is organised to provide a variety of groupings. Daily acts of worship usually last for approximately 15 minutes, although it is recognized that this time will be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate. At Yeadon Westfield Infant School we endeavor to provide a variety of worship experiences for the children. These include:

- Whole school worship.
- Whole school singing.
- Celebration of children's achievements both in and out of school.
- Special themed and topical acts of worship.
- Acts of worship led by visitors from our partner church St. John's.
- Visits to our partner church St. John's

Withdrawal

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act or acts of Collective Worship may request that their child is withdrawn. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with the Headteacher. Any pupil who is withdrawn from an act or acts of Collective Worship will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.