



Great Totham Primary School Collective Worship Policy

Aims and Principles

We recognise that by law we are required to:

'...provide daily collective worship for all pupils, with the exception of those pupils who are withdrawn from these activities by their parents. 'This collective worship is to be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.' Education Acts 1988 and 1993.

However, for us, the most important reason to provide daily worship is to have the opportunity to share our school values and to provide an atmosphere of reverence and a space for reflection where all feel valued and we can support our school motto, 'Enjoy, Respect, Achieve'.

In our daily collective worship we aim to help children:

- Develop a community spirit, common ethos and shared values
- Reflect on these aspects and on how these impact on their own beliefs
- Begin to understand spiritual and moral issues
- Develop an understanding of the significant festivals of the World's major religions
- Appreciate the beliefs of others and develop respect and tolerance of these

Reflection and Reverence

In each daily act of worship there will be time provided for children to reflect. This could be through prayer, consideration of an aspect of the assembly or a moment of silent thought. We aim to instil a sense of awe and wonder about the World in which we live and this, combined with directed reflection, allows the children to begin to develop a sense of reverence.

Implementation

An act of worship is an occasion which adults and children share together. They can be led by members of staff, visitors to the school, including representatives of different religions and denominations and by children. Themes are taken from school priorities or specific dates of religious or national importance which reflect British values. We also adapt to the needs of our children and community.

Withdrawal from Collective Worship

Parents have the right to withdraw children from collective worship. It is also acceptable for children to attend the main part of the collective worship but not participate, for example, in singing hymns or praying. Members of staff also have the right to withdraw from collective worship.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The impact of this policy will be monitored and evaluated by the responsible Curriculum Team and its findings reported to the Curriculum & Standards Committee.

The Curriculum & Standards Committee will formally review this policy every two years.

Agreed October 2017

Signed: T.Woods

Date of Review	Commentary
October 2017 review	Added about British Values.
Review: Autumn 2019	Review brought forward to fit with new committee rota