



ASTON-ON-TRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Local Authority Policy reviewed and approved by Governors on 23rd September 2025

This policy has been impact assessed in the light of all other school policies, including the Disability Equality Scheme.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that the curriculum should provide opportunity to develop the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the child. Collective worship can provide a positive platform for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the child.

2. AIMS

- To provide time to reflect on values highlighted in school and in Christian teaching.
- To provide opportunities for quiet reflection.
- To create time for spiritual development.
- To provide opportunities to celebrate festivals, achievements, important events, and cultural diversity.
- To create time for individuals and classes to contribute or participate in an active way.
- To provide opportunities to make and develop closer links with local people and the community.
- To promote a greater awareness of the wider community – our village, our town, our country, our world.

3. COLLECTIVE WORSHIP WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM

The Policy of the School is to achieve our aims by following the format for Collective Worship based on '**The Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education**', including SEAL assemblies.

4. ORGANISATION

- Collective worship will take place in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the '**Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education**'. Assemblies will take place weekly as a whole school.
- There will be a monthly, community assembly on a Friday afternoon for parents to attend.
- Short term planning is based on the Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus and SEAL, and identifies the stories, prayers and concepts covered with each theme.

This is planned on a half-termly basis by the RE Co-ordinator. Assembly is normally led by a member of staff, pupils or invited guests.

- The art of collective worship covers six different themes each year over a three-year cycle so as to promote continuity and progress and to avoid repetition.
- The variety of themes covered over the three-year cycle ensures that there are adequate opportunities for providing a broadly Christian programme of collective worship, but will also include other world faiths, shared values and traditions.

5. CROSS-CURRICULAR LINKS

Collective worship is also used to make links with other areas of the curriculum and to encourage the skills of thinking, reasoning, enquiry, creative thinking and evaluation. It is also used to make links with Health Promoting Schools and SEAL assembly materials.

6. CONTINUITY AND PROGRESSION

Continuity and progression will be ensured by:

- Following the School Policy.
- Following the expectations and requirements which are part of the Derbyshire agreed Syllabus.

7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

In line with the School's Policy on Equal Opportunities and Disability Equality Scheme, every opportunity will be taken to ensure all eligible children will have equal access to the Collective Worship syllabus.

Parents have a right to exclude their child from collective worship.

8. PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES

The Department for Education defines British Values as follows:

- Respect for democracy and support or participation in the democratic process
- Respect for the basis on which the law is made and applies in England

- Support for equality of opportunity for all
- Support and respect for the liberties of all within the law
- Respect for, and tolerance of different faiths and religious and other beliefs

At Aston-on-Trent Primary School, we actively promote these values through the implementation of this Policy for Collective Worship and in the ways outlined in our “Promoting British Values” Statement.