



Stamford Green Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

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Collective Worship Policy

1. Introduction

- a) This policy has been written to ensure that Collective Worship at Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery is planned and meets the needs of the children.
- b) Definition: 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 reflect through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC).

2. Aims and Objectives

This policy and timetable will:

- a) Enable us to deliver a programme of Collective Worship, across the year, which reflects the religious backgrounds of the children at Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery.
- b) Ensure that provision is predominantly of a Christian nature alongside promoting knowledge and understanding of other faiths that are a part of our local community.
- c) Promote our school values that the governors, staff, parents and children decided were important to the lifelong personal development of the children at Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery.
- d) Help stakeholders understand how Collective Worship contributes to curriculum coverage e.g. links to the Religious Education curriculum.

3. Assemblies

- a) A Collective Worship will be organised through daily assemblies as outlined below:

<p>Monday – Whole School Celebration 1.10pm -1.30pm Y1 - Y6 Autumn Term YR - Y6 Spring/Summer Term Taken by Class Teacher teams on rotation (Not NQTs)</p>	<p>Values, birthdays, golden jumpers, Annabelle and Pepe and sing a song. Award Buckingham Bear and Stamford Bear.</p>
<p>Tuesday – Values/ Religious Festivals 9.00am - 9.20am Reception (Autumn 2 onwards) and Year 1 in the studio Years 2 – 6 in the hall Taken by Louise/Vicky/Kathryn/Helen on rotation</p>	<p>Values/Religious Festivals themed and song.</p>
<p>Wednesday – Whole School Celebration 1.10pm – 1.30 pm Y1 - Y6 Taken by Anna/Sarah/Leanne/Dave on rotation</p>	<p>Merits, house points, golden awards, values buttons (when needed) and sing the same song as Monday.</p>
<p>Thursday – Whanau 10.00am – 10.20am Y1 – Y6 in classrooms (including Spanish room)</p>	<p>Year 6 lead a small group of children from Y1 – Y5. This is a chance for children across the year groups to get to know each other and have discussions - creating a sense of community in the school.</p>

10.40am – 11.00am YR and Y1	Watch Class Assembly dress rehearsal if there is one the following day.
Friday - Class Assemblies/Visitors/Values 9.00am - 9.20am Y2 - Y6 in the hall Introduced by Kathryn/Vicky	Class Assembly If there is no class assembly scheduled it is to be used as time to catch up with the class.

- b) Nursery will follow the themes outlined in this policy but will deliver the Collective Worship in the Nursery setting and join the rest of the school when it is appropriate. E.g. end of year whole school assembly.

4. For the school

- a) Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of our school and our school community.
We aim to:
- i. share common aims and school values;
 - ii. celebrate achievement and special times;
 - iii. explore together the world in which we live;
 - iv. develop a community spirit.
- b) Assemblies enable us to come together as a community and consider SMSC related issues. Assemblies should be engaging, high challenge and involve pupils wherever possible.
- c) Pupils in Year 6 will have regular roles e.g. setting up benches/chairs and IT as well as content e.g. values button winners and collecting certificates.
- d) Operational procedures
- i. Staff leading the assembly to check that the hall/studio is set up and liaise with IT Support to ensure all multimedia requirements are operational;
 - ii. Staff leading are to be in the hall/studio promptly to start receiving and admitting pupils;
 - iii. As pupils enter the hall/studio there should be music playing alongside the matching PowerPoint so pupils can identify the music and composer;
 - iv. Entrance to the hall should be in silence with pupils in correct uniform;
 - v. If speakers/outside presenters are leading assemblies the person leading assembly must ensure they warmly welcome, meet and escort them down to the hall/studio;
 - vi. The person leading the assembly must ensure that assemblies run to time and that pupils are dismissed on time to get back to class.

5. For the pupils

- a) We also intend that Collective Worship will contribute to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:
- i. consider spiritual and moral issues;
 - ii. explore their own beliefs;
 - iii. develop their own spirituality;
 - iv. reinforce positive attitudes;
 - v. participate and respond;
 - vi. reflect on what it means to be a positive member of society.

- b) Staff will ensure that each assembly will end with time for children to reflect on the thought of the day. This can be the message from the assembly or linked to the value of the month.
- c) A variety of teaching and learning styles and active and interactive methods are appropriate in acts of Collective Worship. Any and all of the methods employed in the classroom can be used effectively in acts of Collective Worship. A variety of resources will also be used. Leaders will choose the style/method and resources which are appropriate to the content, the age, aptitude and the background of the pupils. The content and process must be sufficiently stimulating in order to evoke a response in the individual. This may not be visual, but opportunity must be given to express this response through reflection and prayer.

6. Withdrawal

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act or acts of Collective Worship may request that their child is withdrawn by discussion 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.

Collective Worship Coverage 2020 - 2021

Month	SMSC Coverage	Possible link to 'Thought of the Day'
September		Manners
October	-Black history month -Harvest -Diwali	Friendship
November	-Fireworks -Remembrance Day -Anti bullying week -Thanksgiving -St Andrew's Day	Resilience
December	-First Sunday of Advent -Christmas Story -Hanukkah	Cooperation
January	-New Year -Martin Luther King Day -Chinese New Year	Honesty
February	-Children's Mental Health Week -Ash Wednesday -Lent	Independence
March	-St David's Day -Commonwealth Day -St Patrick's Day -Mothering Sunday	Caring
April	-Palm Sunday -Passover -Buddha Day Wesak -Good Friday -Easter -Vaisakhi -St George's Day -Ramadan	Self-belief
May	-Eid-ul-Fitr	Tolerance
June	-Father's Day -Armed Forces Day	Humility
July	-Dharma day	Making good choices