



Willow Farm Primary

Collective Worship Statement



Collective Worship is an educational activity that is inclusive, involving pupils of any faith and none, as a school is a community of people holding different beliefs.

Aims of collective worship

For the school:

Collective worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Willow Farm Primary School. It is our aim that it is a time when our 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:

- Worship God;
- Consider spiritual and moral issues;
- Explore personal beliefs;
- Encourage participation and response;
- Promote community/shared values;
- Reinforce positive attitudes.

Statutory duty of school

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). This is usually provided within a daily assembly.

The Head Teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the Head Teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Implementation

At Willow Farm Primary School, an act of worship will be held every day within our assemblies with a celebratory Pride Assembly on Fridays. We hold whole school assemblies every day. Themes will take into account religious festivals and celebrations as well as secular celebrations including charity fund-raising, but will be of a broadly Christian nature as outlined below. Assemblies are delivered by the Head Teacher, and the Senior Leadership Team. Occasionally, members of our community, including representatives from the local churches take assemblies and lead acts of worship.

Monday	Assembly with a RE/SMSC focus
Tuesday	Assembly with a PSHE focus
Wednesday	Assembly (various themes) and singing
Thursday	Picture News Assembly – Current issues, British Values focus
Friday	PRIDE Assembly – Celebrating achievement

The content of our acts of worship is considered carefully to ensure relevance and suitability for all our pupils.

Leaders choose the style/method and resources that are appropriate to the content, age, aptitude and the background of our pupils. The content of our assemblies always aims to evoke a response in the individual. Opportunity is always given to express this response through reflection and/or prayer.

Right to Withdraw

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children wholly or partly from acts of collective worship. Parents should make their wishes known to the Head Teacher who will ensure that any pupils who are withdrawn are appropriately supervised while the act of collective worship takes place. The parent does not have to give a reason for this request.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this statement annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The statement will be promoted and implemented throughout the school. The SMSC lead will monitor the effectiveness of Collective worship by conductive learning walks and through the use of staff and pupil voice.

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