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Holy Trinity Lamorbey CE Primary School Collective Worship Policy

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Introduction

Collective Worship plays an important and central role in the life of Holy Trinity Lamorbey C of E School. It nurtures the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our children in a Christian setting, in accordance with the beliefs and practices of the Church of England.

Our School Vision

Through our daily act of worship, we help the whole school community to build an understanding of our school vision and associated values and to reflect on how this can apply to their lives and learning - to transform lives and build futures through **Love, Courage** and **Wisdom**.

Here at Holy Trinity Lamorbey, children's lives are transformed through opportunities to encounter and come to know the Holy Trinity: God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Futures are built because children think, live and act differently as a result of those encounters.

Our Aims

Through Collective Worship we aim

- To foster our pupils' spiritual development by teaching them about God and giving them the opportunity to worship Him; we encourage reflection and thinking, helping children to recognise the spiritual dimension of life
- To foster our pupils' moral development by teaching and promoting Christian values and teaching respect for other faiths; to embed, encourage and celebrate the core values of **Love, Courage** and **Wisdom**
- To foster our pupils' social development by involving them in worship, as in other areas of school life; they are encouraged to share their own experiences, ideas and beliefs as members of the school community
- To foster our pupils' cultural development by providing opportunities for the children to experience, appreciate and respond to music, literature and art
- To explore the big questions of life and respond to national events; to celebrate special times in the Christian calendar.

Organisation

Collective Worship is held daily for all pupils as follows:

DAY	GROUP	TIME	PLACE	LEADER
Monday	Whole school	2:30 – 3:00	Hall	SLT
Tuesday	Choral Worship - <i>Whole School</i>	2:30 – 3:00	Hall	Music Leader
Wednesday	Class Worship	2:45 - 3:00	Class	Class teacher
	Church service - Mass - <i>One year group per week to attend – yrs 1 to 6</i>	11:00 am	Church	Clergy
Thursday	Whole school	2:30 – 3:00	Hall	SLT / Staff Rota
Friday	Achievement and Celebration Worship		Hall	SLT
	- KS2 - KS1	9:00 – 9:30 2:30 – 3:00		

The Daily Act of Collective Worship

Daily Collective Worship will normally take place in the school hall, apart from on Tuesday when it takes place in class or when a year group attends Holy Trinity Lamorbey Church.

The school plans worship systematically and cohesively using the Rochester Diocesan Collective Worship Planning, which is adapted and changed to meet the needs of our community. This ensures that there is a shared understanding of the long and short-term planning of worship and this enables continuity.

Our worship consists of four stages:

- **Gather** – where we welcome the community with music, liturgy and the lighting of two candles. A Christian hymn/song will be sung

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you

God is love

All the time

All the time

God is love

- **Engage** – where we share a bible reading, followed by an activity to engage pupils with the Christian message of the worship
- **Respond** -- pupils discuss, share and reflect. They think about what they have heard and consider how they can apply the worship to their own lives
- **Send** – we share the message of the worship again and ask pupils to think about how they will affect their day – in their learning and behavior.

Go in the peace of Christ

Thanks be to God

We close worship with a final prayer, music and the blowing out of the candles.

During the Collective Worship, prayers will be prayed and this often include contributions from the children.

All staff attend Collective Worship.

During Choral Worship children learn traditional hymns, carols and new worship songs, reflecting upon the meaning and messages of those songs and praising God through music. Weekly Choral Worship often prepares for the all-school church services.

A year group will attend Church of England worship at Holy Trinity Church each week. The clergy aim to make these services as informal and fun as possible using authorized liturgical frameworks. Years 5 and 6 usually have a Eucharistic service. Years 2, 3 and 4 worship through a Service of the Word.

The children in the Nursery have their own daily Collective Worship, with prayers, stories, songs and moments for reflection.

On Fridays, the school community celebrates pupil achievements, and certificates are awarded for learning and for exhibiting one or more of the school values of **Love**, **Courage** and **Wisdom**.

Special acts of worship, some of which take place at Holy Trinity Church, are held throughout the year to celebrate specific events:

Harvest Thanksgiving (church)	October
Remembrance (school)	November
Christmas (church)	December
Lent or Ash Wednesday (school)	Spring term
Pentecost (church)	Mid-summer term
End of year service for Year 6 (church)	July

Feast days and festivals in the Christian calendar are also celebrated during Collective Worship (e.g. Michaelmas, Advent, Epiphany and Lent).

Content and Context of Acts of Worship

In line with the requirements of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) schedule, we aim to ensure that Collective Worship:

- Is seen as a special occasion, when members of the school community come together to celebrate and worship God. Music is played as the children enter and leave the hall. Visual aids and artefacts are often used to stimulate thought and discussion
- The content of our Collective Worship is based on Christian teachings and values, with the Bible and sacraments at the centre. The Diocese of Rochester 'Fresh Approach Collective Worship' plans are followed. Worship is delivered in a variety of ways and involves songs and hymns, prayers, story-telling, role play and drama, presentations, readings, showing and talking. Worship is invitational, children are not compelled to participate
- Worship reflects the main events in the Christian calendar, including saints' days and festivals. It also responds to issues and events within the school (e.g. racism, anti-bullying week, sharing) and in the wider community (e.g. responding to natural disasters, bereavement). In addition, there are on-going themes based on core Christian values
- Staff and pupils evaluate acts of worship and they are monitored. Resources for use during worship are kept in the hall and supplemented regularly.

In accordance with the policy of the parish church, children who usually receive communion in their own churches are able to do so within school masses.

Every year the parish priest invites pupils who are in year six to participate in classes, in order to prepare for confirmation.

Participation and Withdrawal

We expect all parents and pupils to support the ethos of the school and by adopting an inclusive approach, all families are encouraged to discuss the matter fully with the school before making such a decision. Pupils who are withdrawn are supervised and take part in a curricular activity at the time.

Spiritual Areas

Each class has its own area for reflection and also a Prayer Tree. Children are invited to add their own prayers to the tree or to place in a prayer box. These prayers are then offered to God during in-class worship and during Collective Worship throughout the term.

Prayer

Prayer plays an important role in the daily life of the school. Classrooms have a space set aside for prayer and reflection. Prayers are said during the school day, during Acts of Worship, and in class before lunchtime and at the end of the day. Those used in Collective Worship reflect the theme and content (e.g. justice, humility, wisdom, thankfulness), as well as the Lord's Prayer. Children contribute prayers to worship both in school and at the church and are encouraged to incorporate prayer into their

everyday life.

Year 6 Worship Leaders

Our Worship Leaders play an active role during Collective Worship and undertake different roles. On occasion they plan and lead a worship session for the whole school. They evaluate worship sessions and collate any children's prayers that have been prayed.

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