

RAINFORD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL and RAINDROPS PRESCHOOL



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the Love of God*

Collective Worship Policy

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Signed..... Chair of CDCS

Signed..... Headteacher

Signed..... R.E and Worship Coordinator

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Mission Statement

‘Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the Love of God’

School Aims

In order to prepare today’s children for tomorrow’s challenges, Rainford CE Primary Schools aims to achieve the following:

- Every child will be encouraged to understand the meaning and significance of faith, experience God’s love and develop the spirituality to enable them to live out our Christian values of love, joy, peace, friendship, forgiveness, perseverance and justice
- Every child will achieve their full potential through being a highly motivated, resilient and independent learner who embraces new experiences, has confidence to tackle challenges and go onto develop a lifelong love of learning.
- Every child will value themselves as a unique individual with special qualities and strengths developing self-discipline and honesty; taking responsibility for their own actions and appreciating their ability to make a positive difference in the world.
- Every child will appreciate and respect others, celebrate differences between individuals and groups and respect and care for God’s creation and the environment.
- Every child will be encouraged to make healthy choices and appreciate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

In order to do this, we will constantly reflect the Christian ethos of our school in our relationships with our children, their families, our staff, the church and the wider community.

Collective Worship

At Rainford Church of England Primary School, Collective Worship is an integral part of our school day and ultimately our life in school. It models the school’s Christian ethos and values, and proclaims its Church School identity.

Time is set aside daily for acts of collective worship, be it whole school, class, or in smaller groups. These acts of collective worship aim to present Christian, spiritual and moral issues; in order to develop an interest and understanding of world issues, citizenship, community spirit and the Anglican faith. Allowing the children time to reflect is an essential part of these acts of collective worship.

An ecumenical approach to worship is provided through our relationships with several local churches, including All Saints, The United Reformed Church and North Wood Chapel in Kirby who lead acts of worship as well as representatives from charities and local community groups.

Collective Worship Aims

- contribute to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- provide opportunities for reflection and discussion, stillness, contemplation and prayer including spontaneous prayer
- encourage an understanding of current world issues and how we as Christians can help and respond to these
- further develop and understand our chosen Christian values of- love, peace, joy, justice, perseverance, friendship and forgiveness
- expose children to experiences of awe and wonder, celebration and a sense of belonging
- provide the opportunity for children to understand and appreciate the life and teaching of Jesus Christ and the understanding of the Trinity
- introduce children to Anglican beliefs and practices and engage with the living faith of the school
- understand how religious faith can provide a vision to sustain and develop their spiritual and personal life
- develop a sense of themselves as significant, unique and precious beings
- become active citizens in light of Christianity, understanding and serving their neighbour
- to find reasons for hope in a troubled world
- to encourage children to confidently ask questions about Christian life and practice

Entitlement

Collective Worship is organised as follows:

Monday	9.00-9.25	Whole school worship with the Head teacher or Deputy Head.
Tuesday	9.00-9.25	Whole school worship with Vicar Janet Heighton or a visiting speaker.
Wednesday	9.00-9.25	Class worship in classrooms. KS1 is planned and delivered by the teacher. KS2 is planned and delivered by the pupils.
Thursday	9.00-9.25	Praise and Worship-Whole school come together to sing and pray.
Friday	9.00-9.25	Celebration of the week. Achievements both inside and outside of school are celebrated as a whole school. Birthdays are celebrated, a song is sung and a prayer is said to close.

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Other collective worship may be organised at different times as and when appropriate e.g. Charity presentations are also included.

Inclusion

All children will take part in Collective Worship unless a parent has requested their withdrawal. This request needs to be in writing and must be made to the Head teacher, who will establish the reason for withdrawal. Parents who withdraw may choose to supervise their child at home while worship takes place, or ask for their child to be supervised at school.

Planning

Collective Worship is planned using the “Values for Life” literature that uses Christian values as the basis of its teaching. The themes for collective worship reflect our Values focus for that half term, the Church calendar, our school ethos and current events.

Visiting speakers prepare their own resources, but are given a theme and some guidance as to what has been covered previously. A worship log is completed by those leading worship with a brief description of what has taken place. The Worship is then evaluated and reflected on by the children, who take it in turns a class at a time to do this on a weekly basis.

Children’s Involvement

Children are encouraged to take an active role in Collective Worship through; drama, singing, prayer and questioning. Each class also leads an assembly on a rota basis where the class focus on a Christian value and share a Bible story, prayers and a song with other invited classes and parents

Prayer and Reflection

Collective worship always includes a time of prayer and/or reflection, including hymn practice. A range of prayers is used including the Lord’s Prayer, prayers written by the children and others. At the beginning of the lunch hour, grace or a lunchtime prayer is said by either an adult or child in each class. Prayers are also said at the end of the school day.

Every class room has a reflective area, where the value of the half term is explicitly shared and where prayers can be found. Children can use these spaces if they need a moment to reflect during the school day.

The school has a Prayer Tree, in the school hall. Children are encouraged to write short prayers and clip them onto the tree. Sometimes these are related to the Value for the half term, on other occasions this could be a personal prayer.

A small group of teachers hold a Prayer Meeting each week. This is a time where the school also prays for the children and their families.

Evaluation

Collective worship is evaluated by the children. This is done a class at a time and is done on a weekly basis.

Resources

Resources for Collective worship can be found in the R.E cupboard at the top of the junior corridor or in the Head teacher's office. A selection of useful websites for ideas and resources is also available from the Worship Coordinator.

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