



Devon Moors **Federation**

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Chittlehampton C of E (VA) Primary School

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Aims of Collective Worship

“Collective Worship in schools should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to worship God, to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs; to encourage participation and response ... and develop community spirit, promote a common ethos and shared values and reinforce positive attitudes”. Circular 1/94: para 50.

In our school we aim to:

- explore the bible and its teaching. To look at how this relates to our everyday lives
- understand what it means to be a Christian, day to day within the church and wider community, within our family, within friendships and within school
- develop Christian morals through teaching, stories and example
- give opportunity for prayer, discovery and development of prayer including meditation
- ensure the staff are given the opportunity to receive further training
- develop the children's enjoyment of Christian Worship through music and songs.

It is a requirement that all church schools in this diocese hold a daily act of worship in accordance with the school's trust deed. However parents retain the right to withdraw pupils. All teachers in our school are expected to attend acts of collective worship.

Content/Planning

- Collective worship reflects the basis of Chittlehampton C of E Primary School. It should be used as a time of encouraging links between the school and the wider community.
- The collective worship co-ordinator is responsible for drawing up medium and long-term plans.
- The themes should reflect the nature of this C of E School as well as events and festivals during the Christian year

Visitors are encouraged in order to enrich these times of Collective Worship and are informed of SEN requirements as necessary.

Approaches

Collective Worship is first and foremost for the spiritual benefit of the pupils alongside the adults working in the school community. It is a shared activity, which allows a variety of individual and group responses. Those leading are encouraged to use artefacts, stories and biblical material as well as allowing for participation from the children where appropriate.

Monitoring

Ethos Group reviews policies and monitors Collective Worship impact as part of SIAMS SEF.