



St Nicolas CE Primary School
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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The vision of the school

St Nicolas School was built by the church in order to serve our diverse and wonderful community. We want every stakeholder to 'live life to the full' (John 10:10) as they navigate their learning journey that prepares them for the next chapter of their lives. Our NICS acronym of Navigate, Inspire, Challenge and Succeed is the natural life journey that both pupils and adults can relate to as we aim to maximise everyone's experiences in its fullness.

Purpose and Background

Through Collective Worship pupils are given a space and a place for the telling of the Christian story. They are offered an understanding of worship through being invited to participate in or observe prayer, reading and reflection on the Bible, liturgy, sacrament and experience of the musical and other imaginative riches of Christianity. Pupils are given time to consider their responsibilities to others and to grow in love and service. Time is given for celebration, both for the accomplishments of school members and to mark the seasonal festivals of the Christian (and other faiths) calendar. Pupils are reflective and have time to be able to contemplate and develop spiritually.

Aims of Collective Worship

At St Nicolas, collective worship aims to be inspirational, invitational and inclusive and will lead people to a threshold where they can witness worship and join in, if they wish.

We provide all children with opportunities to:

- Consider moral and spiritual issues and values which are of a broadly Christian character
- Hear and respond to selected stories from the Bible and other sources
- Develop an understanding of the person of Jesus Christ and the Christian belief in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Experience Christian Festivals and to worship in the local church at certain times in the school year
- Explore and share beliefs, respecting the importance of religious beliefs to those who hold them
- Participate and respond in various ways, such as spending time in reflection, discussion and prayer
- Explore feelings of wonder, awe, mystery and joy
- Think of the needs of others and develop a sense of community

Our Approach

Our Collective Worship reflects the traditions of this country which are, in the main, broadly Christian. We follow the Anglican Church calendar as a starting point, celebrating key moments in the Christian year.

Our local churches within the school community work closely with the school and support our Collective Worship on a regular basis. We have developed a St Nicolas Collective Worship Programme as our main resource along with a range of Christian and values-based songs and hymns. Collective

Worship includes the use of liturgy, prayers, songs and hymns, Bible stories and other stories, time to share and time to reflect. A tri-wick candle is lit to mark the beginning of a Whole School Assembly.

We have created a Collective Worship Team, to allow children who have shown a particular interest in Collective Worship, to take a more active role in both assemblies and in developing areas for reflection around the school.

Monday – Whole School Assembly led by the Head Teacher – biblical stories are shared to develop a greater understanding of each value of the month. Each Monday assembly ends with a key focus for the week.

Tuesday – Key Stage One singing assembly led by Music Teacher- learning songs and understanding songs that explore our values of the month.

Wednesday – Key Stage Two singing assembly led by Music Teacher- learning songs and understanding songs that explore our values of the month.

Thursday – Classroom worship or Whole School Assembly led by Christchurch – Eco themed assembly Adult- The Lord is here. Response- His spirit is with us.

Friday – Whole School Assembly led by a senior leader- Celebration assembly – celebrating individual and group success.

Worship at our local church

Children, staff, governors and parents are welcome to our end of term and festival services held in the local churches. We hold an annual Harvest Festival Celebration and Remembrance Service as well as a St Nicolas Day Service which focuses on the traditions of Christmas. At the end of the Easter term we celebrate Easter. The end of the school year is also marked with a service at St Helen's Church where we celebrate those children and staff who are leaving us to pastures new.

Outside Agencies

Outside agencies including charity representatives such as the NSPCC are invited, where appropriate, to share their experiences with the children. Children's sensitivity to the needs of others is highlighted in practical terms by a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year. Many of which, are charities that the children have chosen to support themselves.

Associated Policies and documents

- Religious Education Policy
- Definition of Spirituality
- Sex Education and Relationships Policy