

THE CANONS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Collective Worship Policy

Life in all its fullness

Adopted by Governors

School Vision and Values

Our school vision at The Canons CE Primary is deeply rooted in a strong Christian tradition and biblical theology. It is centred around developing our pupils to 'Live life in all its fullness' by being curious, have enquiring minds, aspire to be the best they can be, have respect for themselves, each other and the world around them so that they can grow and adapt to life as they get older.

Our vision has been drawn from the story of The Good Shepherd which is found in the gospel of John 10:1-21- but particularly John 10:10 where Jesus says 'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

We strive to provide our pupils with an abundance of opportunities to excel and develop across all parts of our curriculum and life at school. We support all pupils to achieve as highly as they can in all areas of their educational, personal and spiritual development. We aim to instil an attitude of resilience and perseverance especially when confronted with difficulties or problems. This provides a platform for their unique talents, strengths and skills to flourish and be celebrated.

As a Church of England School, our mission is to provide an education that ensures all children and adults reach their full potential in an environment that promotes positivity, high aspirations, team-work and independence.

To help us realise our mission, we live out our school vision through:

Life in all its fullness

Christian Values are also intertwined through our curriculum and are demonstrated in the day to day behaviours of our pupils. These values play a large role during our collective worship sessions and how we establish these positive behaviours across all of our school.

We have a motto of 'Respect-Believe-Achieve' which embeds how we would like our pupils to live:

Respect- Have respect for people and property

Believe – Have belief in yourself and develop your own personal beliefs

Achieve – Achieve success in many areas of life and celebrate achievements together

We work hard together to ensure that all people in our school community feel equipped and able to 'Live life in its fullness' through our simple vision, values and motto.

Equalities statement

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

Introduction

At the Canons CE Primary school, Collective Worship forms an integral part of our everyday school life. It allows pupils time to reflect on their own lives and the lives of others. It also provides opportunities to explore the Christian faith in more depth whilst also developing a deeper understanding of the world we live in.

At the Canons CE Primary school, we have a daily act of collective worship, which reflects the diverse traditions of Christian belief and marks the key events within the liturgical calendar. We strive to ensure that all acts of worship are: INSPIRATIONAL, INVITATIONAL and INCLUSIVE for all members of our school community.

AIMS

Collective worship is the heart beat of our school, happening on a daily basis in many different forms. The ethos of our school is developed and enhanced by our sessions whilst our Christian vision is continually embedded.

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- to provide an opportunity for the children to worship God;
- to enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- to enable children to explore their own beliefs and the world in which we live;
- to encourage participation and response;
- to develop in children a sense of community spirit;
- to promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes;
- to share and celebrate school values and achievements

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Collective Worship

We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves all members of the school coming together in an inclusive, invitational and inspirational way. In line with documentation from the Diocese of Coventry, we aim for our worships to:

- Be collective and not corporate in nature
- Embrace prayer in many forms
- Embrace times of stillness and reflection as well as lively action
- Offer opportunities to worship in different ways; using song, action, dance, props, videos and drama.
- Incorporate use of story and story-telling
- Have clear links to the liturgical calendar, seasons and key festivals/events
- Include encounters with Jesus' teaching
- Offer an encounter with the doctrine of Trinity and support this understanding
- Allow pupils to plan, deliver and evaluate collective worships
- Incorporate working with the local church community through planned partnership delivery.

Organisation of collective worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school. This is accessible for all of our students with locations being: in the hall, classroom, chapel or church.

Worship is planned and delivered by different members of staff, pupils and members of the clergy; our own chaplain delivers worship at least once per week in both Key Stages. Children are encouraged and invited to take an active part in our worships. They are encouraged to ask questions, challenge ideas and participate as fully as they can. Our Collective Worship Ambassadors are utilised to support planning and delivery of worships across the school.

Pupils are invited to join in prayers during worship and are also encouraged write prayers, either in lessons or voluntarily at home, which may be read out by them or the adult in charge if they prefer. Prayers are also said before lunch to give thanks.

Our school Christian vision features heavily in our acts of worship alongside the core values that we use in our school. We use many resources to help plan our collective worship ranging from: Roots and fruits, Values for life and other educational resources. Big Questions are also used within many of our worship sessions.

As part of our vision: Life in all its fullness, achievements are celebrated in certain worship times. Things such as: School sports teams, choir, writing competitions, Art prizes, PE class of the week and extracurricular achievements are celebrated.

Afterwards, children are encouraged to reflect and act upon issues which have been discussed in worship and represent a key part of the day ahead.

Right of withdrawal

At The Canons CE Primary School, children are encouraged to take part in daily collective worship irrespective of race, gender, disability, age and faith. We recognise parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from acts of worship. In these cases, this will be discussed with the headteacher so a shared agreement can be made.

Role of The Clergy

Staff and children take part in regular church services throughout the academic year to coincide with both the Christian and schools academic calendar. These services involve the whole school and, where possible, members of the wider school community. These are led by our school chaplain, the children's teams at All Saints Church or the rector of Bedworth. These can be held at the church or at our school.

In conclusion

Collective worship At The Canons underpins our vision and values so that our school community can continue to develop, flourish and grow in order to 'Live Life in its fullness'. We strive for our worship to be Invitational, Inclusive and Inspirational to all who take part.