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# Collective Worship & Reflection Policy



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## Our Vision

*'I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.'*

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We are inclusive, welcoming others regardless of differences, appreciating and nurturing the uniqueness of each individual. We respect everyone, showing them the tolerance, understanding and forgiveness that we desire for ourselves. Love is the cornerstone of all that we do – the love of God, the love of others and the love of ourselves.

## Intent:

The intent of the Collective Worship Programme at Wilbarston C of E Primary Academy is to:

- Provide regular opportunities for the children to participate in collective prayer and reflection.
- Frequently share and discuss stories from the Bible and discover the meaning and learning of these stories.
- Explore the meaning of each School Christian Value and express what this means to them.
- Build strong relationships with members of the school church and local community via the holding of regular Family Worship and Community Events.
- Encourage the children to think about current issues in the world and what they can do to contribute to the healing or improvement of this – i.e. charity work/prayer/changing their actions etc.
- Explore with the children the power of faith and how this can guide and support them in all that they do.
- Submerge the children in the joy of singing God's words.
- Create opportunities for the children to explore that of other faiths and gain a good understanding and mutual respect of their beliefs, culture and traditions.

## Implementation:

Every day the children engage in 20 minutes of worship each day. To ensure that all aspects of the intent are delivered, the school offers a variety of different Worship. Collective worship is inclusive, invitational and inspirational.

**Monday;** Whole School Collective Worship led by the Head Teacher

**Tuesday;** Whole School singing worship

**Wednesday;** Whole School Collective Worship led by the head or Rev Amanda from Wilbarston Church (fortnightly basis)

**Thursday;** Class based worship led by class teacher

**Friday;** Celebration Worship Celebrating God's Work - exploring achievements and certificates

During each Worship, a variety of different approaches will be used to engage the children and allow them to connect with God. These are as follows:

- Singing
- Thought
- Prayer
- Stories
- Drama
- Bible Readings
- Reflection
- Thought

**Reflection:**

In each classroom there is a reflection area which the children can use to add a prayer or reflection. The children can also go to this area during the day and use it as a moment of calmness and stillness if they want to be with their thoughts.

In addition to the classroom reflection areas, the school has a reflection area in the school hall for the children to use when not in class.

**Church Worship:**

At the end of each term, all children, friends and family of Wilbarston C of E Primary Academy are invited to attend a church service at the local church in Wilbarston.

**Evidence:**

Evidence of Collective Worship will be collected via:

- Regular pupil voice sessions
- Evaluations placed in the whole school Worship Diary
- Prayers and reflections in the class areas.
- Learning walk feedback on reflection areas and the use of this.

**Impact:**

The intended impact of the Collective Worship Programme is that the children will:

- gain an expected or higher level of attainment in RE.
- be able to connect with God and welcome him into their life, if they choose to do so.
- have a good understanding of the Christian Values and use these when making decisions and within their everyday actions in relation to others and the world that they live in.
- have a good understanding of other faiths so that they show respect to this.
- have developed skills to pray and reflect.
- have a secure understanding of the teaching of the Bible and God's work