

Cottenham Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

Dated:	Spring 1 2023
Reviewed by:	Standards
Next Review date:	Spring 1 2025
Equality Review Checklist	<p>In reviewing this policy due consideration must be given to the impact that changes may have on issues of equality for the protected groups:</p> <p>Age Disability Religion or belief Race</p> <p>Pregnancy and Maternity Sex</p> <p>Sexual orientation Gender reassignment Marriage/civil partnerships</p> <p>If the equality of a protected group is likely to be compromised by changes to the policy then please complete an equality risk assessment, tick in the box and circle the characteristics affected: <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Collective Worship

We see collective worship as a gathering of a 'collection' of people of diverse religious, agnostic and non-religious backgrounds, which does not pre-suppose any particular religious commitment.

The aim of our assemblies:

Assemblies at CPS play a crucial role in ensuring that the collective values and principles that we abide by at the school are shared, understood and celebrated by all members of our community. They provide a tangible manifestation of the school's identity and the aspirations it has for its young people.

We aim:

- to provide a meeting point for the school community to focus on and reaffirm common values, such as: care, commitment, courage, forgiveness, friendship, responsibility and self-worth
- to provide opportunities to deepen our understanding, by quiet reflection on issues of importance
- to allow children to acknowledge and embrace diversity
- to ensure children become increasingly aware of themselves as individuals and groups within the school and wider community
- to allow children to grow in understanding of the feelings of the other people in everyday situations and beliefs
- to allow children to grow in confidence when making a presentation to the group or whole school
- to ensure children can respond freely to religious and/or spiritual stimulus

Implementation

- Collective worship will occur daily, involving: a weekly 'Theme' assembly, a House Assembly, a Reading Assembly, a Singing Assembly and a end of the week Celebration and Certificate Assembly
- Careful thought will be given to the themes chosen for collective worship and the pattern of assemblies will be agreed at the beginning of the school year.
- From time to time, visitors of different faiths may be invited to lead collective worship.
- Parents/carers will be reminded that they have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship, provided they have notified the head teacher. If a child is withdrawn, school will provide a safe alternative.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

- The school will review this policy bi-annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.