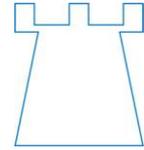


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Policy for Collective Worship

About Collective worship

North Yorkshire state in their guidelines that the purpose of collective worship is to provide opportunities for pupils to participate in, and learn about the nature of worship, to explore beliefs and values for Christianity and other religions and to consider those beliefs and values that underpin school and community life. They recognise that:-

“The term collective worship recognises that within an individual school, pupils and staff will subscribe to a range of different beliefs, attitudes and standpoints. The spectrum will include those who have, or who come from families with a sense of personal belief or commitment, and those who may not share in any particular religious belief.”

Guidelines on Collective worship (5.1)

Aims

We wish as a staff:

1. To provide worship that is meaningful to the children and appropriate to their state of development.
2. To develop a sense of fellowship.
3. To develop empathy and respect for others.
4. To involve the wider community, and to take note of events that are happening, both in the community and further afield.
5. To celebrate and share the achievements of children within the school.
6. To develop a sense of wonder at the natural world and its creation.
7. To provide opportunities for the pupils to reflect on the impact of their behaviour on others in the school.

Objectives

1. To provide a daily act of worship, either as a whole school or in smaller groupings.
2. To ensure that the act of worship is inclusive.
3. To plan a series of themes, in line with the objectives in “Every Child Matters” and the SEAL programme, to be delivered by school and outside speakers. This might include organisations whose aims are in keeping with the theme of that week.
4. To provide a balance of styles, formats and content, containing different elements of worship.
5. To learn about and celebrate some religious festivals.
6. To value pupils’ contributions to collective worship.
7. To include a time of thought and reflection, or a prayer, in each act of worship.

Right of Withdrawal

Parents who do not wish their child to be included in the act of worship have the right of withdrawal. Parents wishing to exercise this right are required to make a written request to the head teacher and alternative provision will then be discussed.

Reviewed:

Next Review Date: January 2014