

Collective Worship Policy



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INTRODUCTION

At Palatine Primary School we believe it is important to meet together as a community to reinforce community values and to worship together. The character of worship in the school is broadly Christian with reference to other faiths when appropriate. Collective worship is co-ordinated by the head teacher and a variety of themes and activities are offered for all the children regardless of family background.

AIMS

- To provide an opportunity for pupils to meet together as a whole school
- To provide an opportunity to consider broad moral themes through prayer and reflection
- To encourage and develop a sense of community in the school reinforcing the aims and ethos and celebrating the ideals and values of the school
- To celebrate children's achievements
- To sing together

ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

The school holds assemblies 3 times a week where children meet together with their teacher. These assemblies have a variety of aims, content, and experience.. Teachers supervise the entrance of their class. Recorded music is usually played at the beginning and end of assembly. On 2 days a week the class have a circle time within their classrooms.

Assemblies are ether led by the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or members of staff on a rota basis. The assemblies reflect the desired ethos of the school, including Christian values. Some consist mainly of singing and one assembly is a celebration of children's work and behaviour.

Teaching staff attend assemblies. Some classes may not attend all assemblies every week due to special timetable needs but instead will have a class assembly at some point in the day.

Weekly programmes

Monday	Upper School assembly led by a teacher on a rota basis
Tuesday	Class based circle time
Wednesday	Whole school singing/ hymn practise led by the music co-ordinator and staff member

Thursday Class based circle time
Friday Separate lower and upper school celebration assemblies.

Time allocation

Assemblies are planned for 15 minutes each day.

RESOURCES

A range of books and resources are available to support collective worship in the school and are kept in the staff room and resource room.

WITHDRAWAL

When parents request that their child is withdrawn from collective worship parents are interviewed by the Headteacher to clarify the beliefs and practises that they wish their child to be excluded from. The child will be supervised by a member of staff when withdrawn.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Worship is used explicitly to promote spiritual development. Pupils are provided with the opportunity to consider and reflect on issues and themes. This is done through the input, readings, singing, prayers, stories, themes and quiet time for reflection.

COMMUNITY

The school welcomes input from local community figures. Parents are invited to attend assemblies for special occasions.