




The Kite Primary Federation

Collective Worship Policy

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Introduction

The daily act of worship at the Kite Primary Federation is a time where we come together to share our love of God and celebrate achievement together as well as providing opportunity for spiritual development. It is inclusive and invitational and is based on our Christian vision and values and enables children to reflect and think about how they can live well in the community they belong to. As such, the contributions of staff, pupils, church clergy and other visitors are valued highly.

At the Kite Primary Federation, we also follow the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act for Collective Worship. A fuller exploration of beliefs and traditions take place within religious education.

Aims

- Experience worship for themselves and reflect on their own thoughts
- Participate and respond in various ways e.g. active involvement and listening or participation through singing, music and drama
- Experience Christian Festivals and wider Anglian Festivals to explore Christian values and their relevance to everyday life
- Hear and respond to selected stories from the Bible and other sources
- Listen and respond to those from other denominations or faith backgrounds
- Provide a time of quiet reflection, peace and invitational prayer
- Explore feelings of wonder, awe, mystery and joy fostering spiritual development
- Think of the needs of other and develop a sense of community
- Worship at the parish churches

Links to the schools' vision and values

Our overarching vision at The Kite Primary Federation is:

We are all respectful, loving and responsible individuals who will try our best together through challenge and perseverance.

The theological roots to our Christian Vision which is lived through every aspect of school life:

**“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you”
John 15:12**

From our Christian Vision, our values are drawn:

We treat everyone with love and mutual respect. We persevere, we challenge ourselves and we try our best. We are known and loved as individuals.

There are four foundation values through which we flourish together:

LOVE RESPECT PERSEVERE CHALLENGE

Organisation of Collective Worship

The schools will be sensitive to the fact that children will come from families with a religious background or with different religious backgrounds.

Collective Worship occurs every day as a whole school or class based worship. This can be led by children or adults with the rooms or from an online stimulus.

The school's vicar attends their respective school weekly to lead collective worship and the main Christian Festival services are held in one of the churches (both schools serve two churches).

Pattern of Worship – Sing, Candle, Window, Mirror, Door		
Sing	Children enter while singing a hymn to signal the start of collective worship.	
Candle	Worship Team light the candle and say the opening prayer	<p><u>SX Opening prayer:</u> A tiny light A tiny prayer For all God's blessings Everywhere. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Peace of the Lord, be with you all.</p> <p><u>WW Opening prayer:</u> I have lit a candle, Lord, and in the stillness within its flame I glimpse your light.</p> <p>I have lit a candle, Lord, and in the stillness within its warmth I sense your love.</p> <p>I have lit a candle, Lord, and in the stillness of this moment I bring my prayer</p> <p><i>All reply: Lord, let your light shine in our lives. Amen</i></p>
Window	Recap of our Christian Vision, introduction of today's theme and learning opportunity.	Learning opportunity may be through storytelling, video, poetry, play scripts and involves opportunity for children to contribute.

Mirror	Time to consider what the children have learnt resonates with them.	Open questions and mindful statements followed by an opportunity for quiet reflection for all. Reflection is closed with a teaspoon prayer (TSP) where we speak to God and say “Thank you”, “Sorry” and “Please”. Children are regularly given the opportunity to share their own teaspoon prayer from their reflection on the collective worship.
Door	A take away message to direct the children to take today’s learning out with them. Close with the school prayer.	<p>Welford and Wickham School Prayer Heavenly Father, bless our school It is a special place for us Keep us safe from harm here Help us to care for one another here Though we may stumble along the way Guide us as we learn to learn And learn to love Lord, make this school your home too. Amen</p> <p>Stockcross School Prayer Dear God This is our school Let peace dwell here Let our rooms be full of joy Let love abide here Love of one another and Love of life itself Though many hands build a home Every child can make this school a loving place Amen</p>

Organisation of Collective Worship across the week

Welford and Wickham

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Led by	Head Teacher	Vicar or Visitor	Child led with support from Class Teacher	Rolling Rota of Class Teacher	Deputy Head
Type of Worship	Christian Values Theme – In the news		Christian Values Theme – Class based	Christian Values Theme – Whole School	Celebration

Stockcross School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Led by	Rolling Rota of Class Teacher	Child led with support from Class Teacher	Vicar or Visitor	Head Teacher	Deputy Head
Type of Worship	Christian Values Theme – Whole School	Christian Values Theme – Class based		Christian Values Theme – In the news	Celebration

Right to withdraw

Parents have the right, under the 1988 Act, to withdraw their children from all or parts of worship. It is a legal requirement that all children attend unless their parents have exercised their right to withdraw. Collective worship takes place daily.