

Victoria Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

1. Legislation

All registered pupils will on each school day take part in an act of Collective Worship.

The daily worship will take place on school premises. An act of worship taken off school premises will be in addition to the statutory one.

Collective worship must be appropriate for and include all pupils attending the school. The worship must take into account the ages, aptitudes and family background of the children.

Parents hold the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship if they so wish.

The responsibility for arranging Collective Worship lies with the Governors and Headteacher of the school.

Teachers hold the right to withdraw from taking collective Worship if they wish, but they may be asked to attend. None of our teachers withdraw from participation at Victoria.

Pupils may be grouped for collective Worship as a whole school, according to age, teaching groups, year groups or in groups which the school uses at other times.

2. Aims of Collective Worship

To provide the opportunity for pupils to worship, to reflect on moral issues and to explore their own beliefs.

To encourage participation and response, whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to, watching and joining the worship offered. To develop community spirit, promote a common ethos and shared values, and reinforce positive attitudes.

3. Entitlement

Collective Worship, organised by the school is 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'

Taken as a whole, our act of worship will be broadly Christian and reflect the tradition of Christian belief, but will not only contain Christian material. The inclusion of elements, common to Christianity and one or more other religions does not deprive collective worship of that character. Therefore, opportunities will be given to recognise and respect other religions and beliefs as and when appropriate to the population of our school.

4. Implementation

The plans for Collective Worship will be made in conjunction with curriculum planning (RE and PSE) to provide relevance and continuity of learning where appropriate.

Format of Collective Worship – The format of Collective Worship can be presented in many ways to suit the needs of the children and the school. Formats for worship held in Victoria include the presentation of music, song, story and prayer .

The content of worship might include the presentation of drama, singing, story telling, and artefacts, both religious and specific to the theme or topic of the worship. Poetry, art, visiting speakers, the use of videos, internet, power points, broadcasts, overhead projectors and silence for reflection are all aspects of collective worship at our school. The use of prayer as an integral part of worship will be encouraged.

5.Organisation of Collective Worship 2008 / 2009

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Infants 2.15 pm daily	Proud to Present Praise Assembly led by Mrs. J. Hall	Christianity through the lives of famous people. Teacher rota	SEAL linked assembly led by Mrs. Taylor	New Testament theme. Teacher rota	Worship through song led by Miss Gibbon
Juniors 2.00pm Mon. Tue. Wed. Fri.	SEAL linked assembly led by Mrs. Taylor	New Testament Theme led by Mr. Husband.	Christianity through the lives of famous people. Teacher rota	Worship through song led by Miss Gibbon for lower key stage 2 Class based assembly for UKS2	Praise assembly Led by Mrs. Taylor

Whole school join together for special events in the Christian calendar and when some visitors come to the school.

Previous themes this year

Old Testament stories

Heroes and Heroines in Welsh culture.

Multi-cultural celebrations and festivals as relevant.

This policy will be reviewed each year.

Headteacher _____

Chair of governors _____

