



Eldersfield Lawn C.E. Primary School

LIFE

Living and Inspiring Futures for Everyone

**“Start children off on the way they should go
and even when they are old, they will not
turn from it.”**

Proverbs: 22:6

Collective Worship Policy

The aim of Collective Worship at Eldersfield Lawn CE Primary School is to provide opportunities to:

- engage pupils and adults in enquiring into and exploring questions arising from the study of religion and belief, so as to promote their personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- provide learners with knowledge and understanding of key world religions and faiths and how they are represented in Great Britain and the wider world.
- develop their understanding of the ways in which beliefs influence people in their behaviour, practices and outlook.
- enable learners to apply the insights of the principal religious traditions to their own search for identity and significance.
- enable learners to become aware of their own beliefs and values and to have a positive attitude to the search for meaning and purpose in life.
- encourage learners to develop a positive attitude towards other people who hold religious beliefs different from their own.

Eldersfield Lawn recognises its statutory duty to provide collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). As Collective Worship is an important part of Eldersfield Lawn School, we encourage any parents/carers, who have concerns regarding this part of school life to meet with the Head Teacher to discuss this before any formal withdrawal is made.

The Governors of Eldersfield Lawn School are responsible for ensuring that the school meets the requirements for worship detailed in the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Evaluation Document. They are also tasked with monitoring and evaluating the impact worship has on the school community in consultation with the Head Teacher.

Our aim is for Collective Worship to be invitational, inclusive and inspiring for those of all faiths and those of none. It is a special time for all present to reflect upon their life experiences and to ponder the ultimate questions as far as they are able to. It is a time when children can celebrate and respect social and academic achievement and should help to foster positive values held by the school, the local community, the Church and the wider world. Collective worship should enable and inspire our school community to go out and make a difference at home, in school, in the wider community. The current format for Collective Worship is as follows:

Day	Time		Led By
Monday	10:30	First News	Headteacher
Tuesday	10:30	Half Termly Value/Theme - using Roots and Fruits	Staff Member/Pupils
Wednesday	10:30	Open the Book	Open The Book Team + Class 3 pupils
Thursday	10:30	Half Termly Value follow-up assembly	Staff Member/Pupils Rev Julie (alt weeks)
Friday	10:30	Celebration Assembly	Headteacher

Church services are planned throughout the year with participation from all children. Parents are invited to morning services at St John the Baptist Church at Eldersfield to celebrate Harvest, Easter and Christmas followed by a charity fundraising coffee morning back at school led by the KS2 children.

Year 6 parents are also invited to the End of Year (Y6) leaving service in the school hall led by Reverend Julie James.

Children and adults are invited into a time of prayer and reflection within acts of collective worship. The Head Teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging collective worship after consulting the governing body. Collective worship is mainly of a broadly Christian character and follows the Roots and Fruits materials. Photographs and reflection from Assemblies are gathered by the Collective Worship Monitors and ideas/thoughts jotted down in the Collective Worship Scrapbook. Through this reflection, links and themes are made to the RE curriculum and other religious viewpoints discussed.

Collective worship will be:

- invitational, inclusive and inspiring for the whole community, staff, children and parents/carers.
- include a variety of elements at appropriate times and seasons of the year
- where appropriate refer to cross-curricular opportunities
- encourage the active participation of pupils and other members of the school community
- include visiting speakers and groups from the local and broader community
- be led, in turn, by all teaching staff and the children
- reflect the schools overarching aims and values
- consider related issues from other school policies
- respectful

The school will assess the effectiveness of collective worship and review accordingly.

Through our school's vision and the links we make to our Christian Values in everything to ensure children develop intellectually, emotionally and physically, as well as growing socially and spiritually to gain a genuine respect for themselves, for each other, the local community and for the whole world.

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