SS Simon & Jude
Church of England Primary School

SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Collective Worship Policy

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At SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School we are committed to offering high quality collective worship. We recognise and value collective worship as central to fostering a sense of community and to expressing our school vision and values.

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13

Our Vision:

We strive to build a community which nurtures positive relationships that permeate through all aspects of life. A community where barriers do not define us, but instead offer opportunity for growth. No matter our background, through our faith, we will find the strength and courage to flourish as citizens of the future.

Our Mission:

Empowering individuals to flourish together in the image of God.

Our Values:



As a Church of England Primary School, we see our Collective Worship as a central part of school life. It is the heartbeat of our school, whereby pupils and adults can encounter faith by engaging in conversations about God, both as individuals and together, through meaningful contributions from the whole school community.
Our Collective Worship policy fulfils the statutory requirements common to all schools according to the 1988 Education Reform Act (and consolidated in the 1996 Education Act). It also fulfils the Diocesan requirements for a voluntary controlled church school which states that worship will be Christian in content with an Anglican emphasis.

Aims

Collective Worship in SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School will do the following:

- Explore the school's vision and values. In doing so, it will reflect on values such as hope, compassion, perseverance, justice, service and respect to develop character and contribute to academic progress.
- Help pupils and adults to appreciate the relevance of faith in today's world by encountering the teachings of Jesus and the Bible.
- Offer the opportunity to all pupils and adults to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, worship and reflection.
- Enable all members of the whole school community to appreciate that Christians worship in different ways, for example using music, silence, story, prayer, reflection as well as through the varied liturgical and other traditions of Anglican worship.
- Enable pupils to develop skills through engaging in the planning, leading and evaluation of collective worship in ways that lead to improving practice.

Collective Worship Provision

Worship allows the whole school community to step away from their daily lives in education, to create a space for an encounter with faith in God. The time set aside in the school day provides staff and pupils with the opportunity to gather and support one another as a community. Worship will follow a recognisable structure that will help focus worship on one idea. See appendices.

As a Church of England school the content of our worship is organised to:

- cover each of our school values.
- cover all the major Christian festivals including Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.
- be rooted in Bible teaching
- use the school prayer, Lord's prayer and other prayers written by pupils and led by the worship group
- follow an order of service
- be presented using a variety of styles and to include music, story, drama, enthusiastic singing, reflection and reverence in prayer time.

Special Services and Visitors

We value our links with the staff and congregation of The Seven Saints. Where possible, the Seven Saints team lead worship in school. Where possible we also invite other members of the community in to lead worship. All visitors are welcome to attend our Collective Worship.

Inclusion and withdrawal

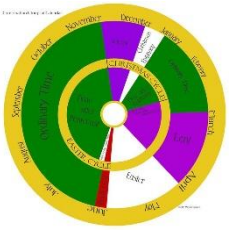
Collective worship is central to the life of the school. However, parents/carers do have a legal right to withdraw their children from all or part of worship. Before making the decision to exercise that right parents/carers are encouraged to discuss the issues with the Principal. Staff also have the right to withdraw on grounds of conscience, but we hope that all staff will feel able to support the Christian ethos of the school by participating in collective worship.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

Mrs J Crombie
Written: September 2026
Review date: September 2028

Order of Whole School Worship



Worship Table
Runner or cloth to reflect the colour of the season of the Church year
Current value for the term displayed
A bible to symbolise God the father
A cross to symbolise God's son Jesus
A candle to symbolise the Holy Spirit

Welcome message
The whole school community read the welcome words together as the candle is lit.
'We have gathered in the name of God the father, Son and Holy Spirit to worship together and think about our value *****'
The key message of the worship (bible story or passage) is introduced to school community.



LEARN

Teaching of the key message through the use of drama, visual images, storytelling, puppetry or poetry.

REFLECT



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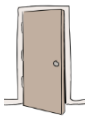
RESPOND



Responding provides an opportunity to consider how God might be challenging those present in the worship to "step out" and play their part in making a difference in the works either as individuals or as part of the whole school community.

Extinguishing of the candle
The candle is extinguished by the member of the school community leading worship to mark the end of worship.

Order of Class Worship

Worship Area for reflection and contemplation
Current value for the term displayed
A bible to symbolise God the father
A cross to symbolise God's son Jesus
A candle to symbolise the Holy Spirit
School Prayers – Lord's Prayer, Lunchtime Prayer, Going Home Prayer
Reflections completed by the pupils

Welcome message
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The key message of the worship is introduced to school community through an image. The pupils focus on the image and respond to key questions.



LEARN

Open questions are phrased to facilitate discussion about the Words of Wisdom, which may be a brief text from the Bible or a quote or proverb.



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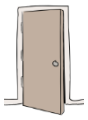

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