



Willow Bank Junior School

Collective Worship Policy

Statutory policy

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1.0	July 2014	July 2017	Learning & Teaching	
1.0	June 2017	June 2020	Learning & Teaching	Additional paragraph under Content referring to British Values.
1.1	October 2020	October 2023	Learning & Teaching	Small change to assembly organisation (Wednesday)
1.2	May 2025	May 2028	FGB	Changed weekly assembly timetable Additional paragraph under content referring to Core Values Additional paragraph referring to visiting professionals delivering assemblies.

Introduction

This policy was developed through a process of consultation with the teaching staff and the Governing Body.

Collective worship at Willow Bank Junior complies with the legal requirements as set out in the 1988 Education Reform Act. The law states that “Collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character which means that it reflects the broad traditions of Christian belief.” Collective worship is provided for all pupils each day as part of an assembly.

Aims

- To contribute to promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of each child.
- To stimulate inward reflection, which can lead them to the development of an outward and open lifestyle in which pupils live respectfully with, and develop empathy for, others.
- To encourage pupils to grow in understanding and respect for the beliefs and practices of different religious traditions.

Structure

School Assembly is a gathering of all or part of the school. It is concerned with administrative matters and other announcements about school life, shared pleasure in listening to stories, poems and music, celebration of achievement, participation in drama and singing.

Collective worship is a distinct component which is a special time for pupils to reflect upon the content of the assembly and the implications for them as an individual / as a member of a wider community.

Content

Beliefs that are broadly Christian are inclusive to other major world faiths and allow a flexible approach to the person leading collective worship. The focus will be to explore issues such as justice, morality, co-operation and selfishness. We aim to make the content relevant, current, thought-provoking and reflective in nature.

During our Values and theme assemblies, we explore the Willow Bank junior School Core Values. These were chosen by our school community. We focus on one value each half term.

Autumn 1	– Kindness
Autumn 2	– Teamwork
Spring 1	– Respect
Spring 2	– Honesty
Summer 1	– Positivity
Summer 2	– Pride

Collective worship is one of the many ways in which we promote the fundamental British values of democracy, respecting the views of others, individual liberty, tolerance of others and the rule of law.

Where appropriate, visiting professional deliver assemblies to support our curriculum and to share messages about our community (e.g. NSPCC, Walk to School initiatives, Religious leaders from a range of faiths.).

Organisation

Assemblies last for 15 minutes. The weekly delivery of collective worship is as follows:

Monday	Whole school Values/Theme assembly taken by Headteacher
Tuesday	Whole school 'Celebration assembly'
Wednesday	Whole school Oracy assembly: taken by Deputy Headteacher
Thursday	Whole school have in-class assemblies
Friday	Singing for the whole school

Harvest, Christmas and Easter assemblies take place in local churches.

Right to Withdraw

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that parents have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship. Any parent wishing to act upon this withdrawal must make a written application to the Headteacher. Teachers also have the right of withdrawal (Circular 1/94).