

Greenfields Federation

Littlehaven Infant School and Northolmes Junior School



Growing Together, Aiming High

Our vision at Greenfields Federation is that we will work together as a community to ensure all pupils achieve their best and everyone feels valued and respected. We will prioritise the well-being of our children and have high expectations for behaviour. We will create an inspiring and motivating learning environment where all children can deepen their knowledge, acquire new skills and develop as well-rounded, happy, confident individuals.

Collective Worship Policy

Review date:	September 2023
Ratified by the Governing Body:	
Next review:	September 2026 (or before if guidance changes)

INTRODUCTION

At Littlehaven Infant School and Northolmes Junior School, we believe it is important to meet each day to worship together. This reinforces community values and helps us to understand and appreciate the needs of others. The character of worship in the school is Christian with references to other faiths, including a 'worldview', when appropriate. This may include reference to festivals such as Hanukkah or Diwali, for example, to help the pupils understand why children of other faiths may be celebrating at different times of the year. Collective worship is co-ordinated by the head teacher and a variety of themes and activities are used to ensure a high-quality experience for all the children regardless of family background.

AIMS

- * to provide an opportunity for pupils to meet together as a whole school;
- * to provide an opportunity to reflect on life and prayer;
- * to introduce children to religious worship in a meaningful and honest way;
- * to enable those pupils who want to worship in a Christian environment to do so;
- * to encourage and develop a sense of community, to reinforce the aims and ethos, and to celebrate the ideals and values of the school.

ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

The school holds daily assemblies where pupils meet together with their teachers. These assemblies have a variety of aims, content and experience. Assemblies take place in the school hall once each day except one day a week where assemblies take place in classes. Teachers supervise the entrance of their class. Recorded music is usually played at the beginning and end of assembly. Children in EYFS attend the whole school collective worship when it is appropriate for their development but no later than the summer term.

Within these assemblies the daily act of collective worship takes place. Collective worship is co-ordinated by the head teacher.

A programme of assembly themes is produced each term and distributed to all staff. This is part of the annual programme that includes special occasions held at various times.

All the worship in the school is of a broadly Christian character while the content will vary and will be more explicitly Christian on some days and less so on others.

Collective worship will vary in content, but may contain a hymn, a prayer and a reading from the Bible or children's literature appropriate to their age, ability and family background.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Littlehaven

Monday	Whole school assembly including collective worship led by SLT.
Tuesday	Whole school assembly including collective worship led by SLT.
Wednesday	Whole school singing assembly led by a teacher.
Thursday	Class assemblies led by their teacher
Friday	Whole school celebration assembly including collective worship led by a teacher.

Northolmes

Monday	Whole school assembly including collective worship led by SLT.
Tuesday	Whole school assembly including collective worship led by SLT.
Wednesday	Class assemblies led by their teacher
Thursday	Whole school singing assembly led by a teacher.
Friday	Whole school celebration assembly including collective worship led by the head teacher

TIME ALLOCATION

Assemblies are planned for 15 minutes each day.

RESOURCES

A range of books and resources are available to support collective worship in the school and are kept in the Head's office and staffroom. Use is made of the wide range of materials available online.

Assemblies may also align to our RE syllabus, Discovery RE, to further support our RE curriculum or to our PSHE curriculum, Jigsaw.

WITHDRAWAL

When parents request that their child is withdrawn from collective worship, parents are interviewed by the head teacher to clarify the beliefs and practices that they wish their child to be excluded from. Because of the need to assure their safety when withdrawn, pupils will remain under the supervision of a member of staff during the act of collective worship.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Worship is used explicitly to promote spiritual development. Pupils are provided with the opportunity to consider and reflect on issues. This is done through, readings, singing, prayers and quiet time for reflection.

COMMUNITY

The school works with All Saints Church, Roffey.

The Priest in Charge supports the school.

Parents are invited to attend special assemblies once each year and for special occasions.

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The School will review this policy every three years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The Policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.