

Stenson Fields Primary Community School **Collective Worship policy**

Daily collective worship is a statutory requirement. It aims to foster the spiritual, moral and cultural development of all those present. Collective worship should be 'mainly of a broadly Christian Character' but will also include materials drawn from other faiths, traditions, life stances, and non-religious world views, provided they are consistent with the broad traditions of Christian belief. School collective worship is the recognition, affirmation and celebration of certain realities and values held to be of central importance to the community. Collective worship celebrates diversity, yet contributes towards a sense of cohesion, stability and shared values in the school, society and the wider world.

Collective worship at Stenson Fields Primary Community School will incorporate Our CARES Values; reflected in our school prayer. We also embrace and develop the 'Fundamental British Values': Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Tolerance and Mutual Respect. We also incorporate the 'Protected Characteristics': age, gender reassignment, being married or in a civil partnership, being pregnant or on maternity leave, disability, race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation

The broad traditions of Christian belief are:

- Shared values Loving and caring
The value of both the individual and the community
Human stewardship of the natural world and its resources
Concern for social justice
- Distinctive beliefs creation, incarnation, death and resurrection,
empowerment, forgiveness, faith, reconciliation
ultimate purpose

The themes selected for collective worship run on a yearly cycle:

Term	Theme (1 or 2 weeks on each aspect)	Festivals (To be incorporated where the dates fit in)
Autumn 1	CARES School Rules Growth Mind-set	Harvest Yom Kippur and Sukkot Diwali Guru Nanak's Birthday
Autumn 2	Friendship week Looking after our environment - Saving energy - Saving water - Poverty around the world	Bonfire night Remembrance Day Advent Christmas Hannukah
Spring 1	British Values: - democracy.	Chinese new year Valentine's Day Pancake day

	- the rule of law. - individual liberty. - mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths	
Spring 2	Keeping Healthy and safe - Water safety - Road Safety - Stranger safety	Mother's Day St George's day Holi Passover Easter Vaisakhi
Summer 1	Looking after our environment: - Caring for animals - Keeping tidy - Reduce, reuse, recycle	May day Ramadan
Summer 2	Relationships Responsibility Changes Moving up	Father's Day Eid al Fitr

The weekly plan for assemblies is as follows:

Monday: Separate KS 1 and KS 2
 Tuesday: Separate KS 1 and KS2 – sometimes singing assembly
 Wednesday: Class Assembly
 Thursday: Whole school OPAL play assembly
 Friday: Whole School Celebration Assembly

At Stenson Fields primary Community School our collective worship includes opportunity for developing the music Curriculum. This will be through singing together and listening to different genres of music including the work of the great composers.

Individual class teachers will be responsible for classroom assembly; some resources are available on the S Drive or online. This may include watching the children's 'News Round' program and discussing world events. It may be a story with some time for reflection.

A variety of approaches and resources are used in the act of collective worship. These include stories, role play, prayers / time for silence and reflection, songs, recorded/ live music, artefacts, natural materials, poems, shared thoughts/ discussion, videos, visitors from faith communities or community projects. Sam Hudson, a leader from the Stenson Fields Christian Fellowship will lead an assembly every other week with KS 1 and KS 2.

Foundation Stage and Nursery

Collective worship is a legal requirement for FS children. In the Autumn term when children start school, collective worship is done in the classroom and may look a bit like 'story time' followed by some reflection time. Later in the year they will come into assembly with the rest of KS 1/ whole school.

In nursery, although it isn't a legal requirement children will have a circle time for listening and sharing and talking about things that matter in an age sensitive way.

Withdrawal from Collective Worship

At Stenson Fields Primary Community we recognise and respect the diverse beliefs and values of our school community. Children would not be asked to join in with anything their own religious beliefs would cause them to feel uncomfortable with; Eg When praying children may just sit quietly. While Collective worship is statutory, parents and guardians have the legal right to withdraw their child from all or some assemblies. To ensure this process is handled with sensitivity and clarity, we ask that any such requests be made in writing to the headteacher, specifying the reasons for withdrawal. Parents who choose to withdraw their child from Collective Worship will need to provide an alternative work for their child during this time.

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