

Coppermill Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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Review Cycle: Every four years

Next review: Spring 2022

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

At Coppermill, collective worship encompasses all aspects of school life and every member of our school community. They concentrate largely on the values which portray the ethos and community of our school and the wider community. Its purpose is very closely bound to the broad aims of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development. In particular, we use acts of collective worship as valuable opportunities:

- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes.
- To develop and strengthen the community spirit.
- To celebrate and appreciate achievements in pupils' own lives and in the context of the school and wider community (local, national and international) as well as occasions of significance, including festivals.
- For pupils to become increasingly aware of themselves as individuals and groups within the school and wider community, and show an interest in other members of the school community.
- To encourage pupils to recognise their own worth and to understand and respect humanity, diversity and difference in others, and develop a sense of empathy.
- For pupils to share what is important to them.
- To explore the language which people use to express their feelings.
- To grow in confidence when making a presentation to the group or whole school.
- To respond freely to religious and/or spiritual stimulus.
- To provide opportunities to develop the imagination.
- To provide opportunities for pupils to use all their senses and use a range of activities such as singing, dancing, drama, prayer.
- To provide a special time separate from ordinary school lessons.
- To experience moments of stillness and reflection.
- To create an atmosphere conducive to a sense of peace and tranquillity.
- To deepen their sense of wonder about the world around them.

PLANNING AND ORGANISATION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Collective worship assemblies are planned on a weekly basis based on the Coppermill values -*unity, creativity, empathy, respect, determination and aspiration*; as well as following the religious festival calendar. The themes of our assemblies also sometimes reflect and build on topics that we teach as part of the curriculum as well as wider local, national and international issues. Assemblies also reflect the achievements and learning of the pupils and offer opportunities to acknowledge and reward pupils for their achievements both in and out of school.

We invite parents/carers to class assemblies as this promotes the community spirit of our school and are a practical demonstration of the way home and school work together to support and celebrate the successes of our pupils.

Collective worship, whether whole school, key phase or class-based will:

- Be accessible to all staff and pupils.
- Include a variety of elements such as, stories, discussion, drama, dance, art, artefacts, music, Power point or computer-based graphics, and video.
- Involve the pupils in as many ways as possible.

Assembly Procedures:

- Staff are expected to interact with pupils and to be proactive in managing behaviour.
- Music will be played before and at the end of assembly.
- Teachers need to lead classes into the hall in a calm, quiet and orderly manner.
- Where possible, vulnerable pupils need to sit near teachers.

Assembly Agenda:

Day	Staff member leading Pupils attending	Theme/Focus
Monday	Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher Whole school	Stars of the week certificates, Class Attendance award, Headteacher Tea Party 'raffle' announcement, KS1 and KS2 lunchtime golden token awards and other celebration certificates.
Tuesday	Rotation of KS1 staff KS1 pupils	Value of the half term
Wednesday	Key Stage teachers to lead KS1 Singing assembly KS2 Singing assembly	Linked to music curriculum and/or relevant whole school festival, such as Christmas/Harvest
Thursday	Rotation of KS2 staff KS2 pupils	Value of the half term
Friday		

Right of Withdrawal:

We expect all pupils to attend assembly. However, parents can request permission for their child to be excused from attending collective worship. The school will make alternative arrangements for supervision of the child during that time.

LINKS WITH WIDER COMMUNITY

Parents/carers are regularly invited to assemblies that celebrate the successes of our pupils, and to strengthen the school's relationship with its parents. Governors are welcome to assemblies at any time. Where it is appropriate to invite outside guests for a more enriching experience, for example during assemblies about religious festivals, we will endeavour to do so.