



Children and learning at the heart of
our CARE-ing community

Old Fletton Primary School Collective Worship Policy

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OUR ASPIRATION FOR OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

<p style="text-align: center;">Spirituality</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ensuring all pupils receive the opportunity to develop their spirituality through collective worship.</i></p>	<p>Through collective worship, all children will be given appropriate and respectful opportunities to develop spiritually, morally, socially and culturally.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Belonging</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Promoting a sense of community and common identity.</i></p>	<p>Our aim is that collective worship will bring together everyone, in order for common themes to be discussed, creating a sense of belonging, essential for making a positive contribution and to lead to enhanced knowledge of spiritual self.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Culture</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Embedding our CARE values</i></p>	<p>Our ultimate aim is that collective worship will promote and extend the CARE values of the school, creating a shared understanding of the school's expectations, British values and promoting a culture where spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is valued by all.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Linked policies</p>	<p>Religious Education Policy</p>

<p>What is the policy for?</p>	<p>This policy is for all members of the Old Fletton Primary School community so that there is a common understanding about what collective worship is and what comprises their role within it.</p>
<p>Who has devised and contributed to this policy?</p>	<p>This policy was initially devised by the RE Coordinator with support from Susan Ward (RE advisor for Cambridgeshire and SACRE member) and ratified by Governors.</p>
<p>How will this policy be communicated?</p>	<p>This policy is available on the school website and in the Headteacher's office.</p>
<p>How will this policy be monitored?</p>	<p>The policy will be reviewed every 4 years in line with the policy monitoring schedule.</p>

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective worship is a time where the key stages gather to reflect on common issues, themes and concerns. It offers all pupils the opportunity to engage in worship and positively promotes the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all, as well as the school's CARE values which reflect British values.

Aims of Collective Worship

The aims of collective worship at Old Fletton Primary School are:

- To give children the chance to reflect on common interests and concerns together.
- To provide an opportunity for all children to worship.
- To encourage children to participate in the school community.
- For children to find out about and use different methods of worship, such as prayer, quiet reflection, religious stories and songs or hymns.
- To provide opportunities for children to develop their own spiritual practices and beliefs

Organisation and Content of Collective Worship

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, collective worship is mostly reflective of the broad traditions of the Christian faith. However, this is done in a manner which is sensitive to the different religious and non-religious groups represented at Old Fletton Primary School. In addition, we sometimes hold collective worship which reflects the religious and non-religious views represented by those at the school and within the community.

Collective worship takes place daily as part of class reflection and assembly time.

Collective worship is led by members of the teaching staff. Sometimes, it is led by local clergy or representatives of other religious groups. We recognise that teachers have the right to withdraw from leading and participating in collective worship. In the event that a member of staff exercises this right, another member of staff will lead the collective worship.

During collective worship, there is an expectation that children show a respectful manner, and this time is promoted as a period of calm and quiet with a reflective atmosphere. Children are encouraged to participate actively in stories, hymns and prayer as appropriate, and listen carefully to teachings.

Collective worship is based around mainly Christian themes, which we link closely with PSHE as part of the wider school curriculum. Important festivals and events from the Christian calendar, and from other religious traditions are taken as themes for assemblies at appropriate times of the year.

Right of Withdrawal

At Old Fletton Primary School, collective worship is seen as an important aspect in the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all children, and as such, we expect all children to attend. However, we also recognise the right for parents to request that their child is withdrawn from collective worship at any time, and the school will make appropriate arrangements for supervision of these children. Any parent wishing to withdraw their child from collective worship should contact the head teacher.