



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY STATEMENT

Long Lawford Primary School

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To be reviewed 2014**

Introduction

At Long Lawford Primary School we believe that Collective Worship plays a very important role in the life of our school. It is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life to support our curriculum and to provide an opportunity for stillness and reflection in what is often a very busy, active day for our children.

Aims

The central aims of Collective Worship at Long Lawford Primary School are to:

- provide our children with regular opportunities for stillness and reflection
- promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- celebrate the values and worth of the school community and all who belong in it, including the sharing of the gifts and talents of our children.
- help children develop and understanding both of the nature and language of worship
- help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others
- support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, dance, story, drama and other visual and oral means of communication.

The Legal Position

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that collective worship must be on a daily basis for all registered pupils. Furthermore, acts of worship "must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character, i.e. reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief." At Long Lawford Primary School we have developed a school prayer and a range of values through which collective worship takes place.

Our school prayer is:

Father God

Thank you for loving us. We promise to respect the world and everyone in it. We pray for children who are not as fortunate as we are. Help us to give our best in all we do and say. Guide us to be good, kind and sensible friends. Shine your light on us.
Amen

Our key values are:

- To take pride in your school and community

- To do your BEST.
- To be honest.
- Respect yourself and others.
- To show good manners.
- To care for others.

We believe these themes are clearly Christian in nature but are universal in their application. We recognise that in our school we have children from a variety of faith backgrounds and that many children have no religious background at all. Great care is taken in our collective worship to ensure that all children feel valued and special and that their integrity as human beings is consistently upheld. Collective Worship at Long Lawford Primary School is an inclusive activity. Parents and carers do have, of course, the right of withdrawal from Collective Worship. Parents and carers who have any concerns about the provision and practice of our Collective Worship are strongly encouraged to contact the Headteacher.

Context of Collective worship

In order to promote children's learning our acts of worship vary in size. Our pattern is set out below:

Monday	-	Whole school (introduction of special theme – including outside speakers)
Tuesday	-	Theme developed
Wednesday	-	Class-based worship on theme
Thursday	-	Class development of theme
Friday	-	Whole school (celebration / conclusion of theme involving pupil's work and outside speakers)

Visitors play an important part in the life of our school and regularly contribute to acts of worship. We record our acts of worship to inform our learning and plan for further developments. We are developing a range of resources to enhance children's learning. These include stories, music, slides, poems, pictures and posters and DVDs all of which we hope contribute to a stimulating and thoughtful time for our children.

Conclusion

Collective Worship plays a very important role in our school as we seek to develop our children in the skills of reflection and empathy, to encourage and celebrate their talents and to promote their spiritual and moral development.