

Collective Acts of Worship Policy 2021

Preston Park Primary School

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow



Our Why

Our children have the right to a world class education
Our children have the right to be safe
Our children have the right to be valued as an individual
Our children have the right to play
Our children have a voice

Our Vision

We are safe, happy and kind at Preston Park
We ignite a love of learning that will last a lifetime
We are curious learners confident to take risks
We are world changers!



Our Values

Resourceful
Reflective
Responsibility
Resilient
Reciprocity
Respect

Our vision, our values and our rights underpin all our policies; the education we deliver and are core to all our work. Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that: **The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions that affect children. This policy has been created with this in mind to keep the children at Preston Park safe, happy and with a love for learning.**

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1. Overview

The Collective Worship Policy at Preston Park Primary School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the LA through its SACRE.

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act and the 1996 education Act, which states that collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', and in recognition of the fact that the majority of our pupils are practicing members of other faiths we base our assemblies on those aspects of Christian teaching that are shared with other faiths.

The Collective Worship Policy of Preston Park Primary School is consonant with the vision and values of the school. Assemblies are conducted in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faiths and beliefs of all members of the school.

2. Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

3. Aims of Collective Worship

For the School:

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Preston Park Primary School and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- celebrate achievement
- explore together the world in which we live
- develop a community spirit

For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- worship God
- reflect on that which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- develop their own spirituality
- reflect on the direction of their lives
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human
- consider the wonders and worries of the world

4. The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, in Preston Park Primary School, Collective Worship will at times feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. At times, Collective Worship will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy which informs our practice. To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it will address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

5. The Management of Collective Worship

The Religious Education lead will plan, monitor and evaluate acts of Collective Worship.

6. The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is organised to provide a variety of groupings and will take place in the school halls or the classroom.

The content of all acts of Collective Worship will be considered carefully, to ensure relevance and suitability for the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of the pupils.

Collective acts of worship are incorporated into whole school assemblies.