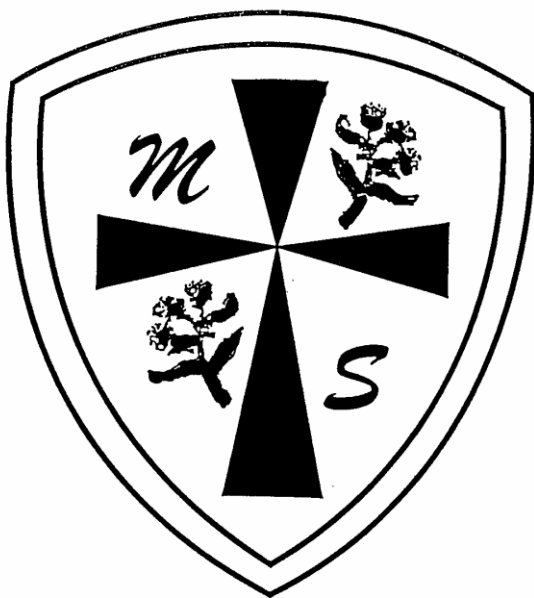




“Living and Learning with Faith, Community and Hope”

Marcham CE Primary School



Collective Worship policy

Date Agreed with Governing Body: 26th January 2026

Date of next review: January 2028

Signed..... Chair of Committee/ Governors

Signed..... Headteacher



Marcham CE School Policy for Collective Worship

At Marcham CE Primary School, our aim and purpose is summed up in our mission statement: “to achieve excellence in education in a safe, caring, collaborative community where Christian values are integral and learning is fun”.

In order to live out this statement, Collective Worship sits at the core of the life of the school. It is an invitation which provides opportunities for the whole school community to:

- worship God, and respond to the worship offered;
- develop an understanding of Jesus Christ and of the Christian understanding of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- grow in the understanding of and participation in prayer,
- develop personal spirituality and encounter worship through a range of experiences, including stillness, worship and reflection;
- reflect on values that are of a predominantly Christian nature, on individual belief and those drawn from their cultural heritage;
- within the Christian context develop a community spirit, a sense of belonging, a common ethos and shared values associated with our vision;
- celebrate Christian festivals, special days, values and achievements;
- consider spiritual and moral issues, their relevance to their lives, and how they can make a difference.

Marcham CE Primary School maintains strong links with the parish church of All Saints, Marcham and the whole school community (pupils, staff, governors, parents), along with the local clergy and church community, participate in the planning, leadership and evaluation of collective worship. As a church school we are committed to the spiritual growth and the moral, social and cultural development of the whole child. We aim to nurture Christian values to enable our pupils to flourish as individuals and to ensure that they relate sensitively to the beliefs, feelings and sensibilities of others.

Statutory Duty of School

All maintained schools, including Voluntarily Controlled schools, are required to provide a daily act of collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents, for whom individual alternative arrangements will be made). The Headteacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship, after consulting with the governing body. At Marcham CE Primary School, this is provided within a daily assembly of a Christian character, reflecting the school's Trust Deed.

Planning and leading Collective Worship

Worship takes place in a variety of ways and groupings: times for whole school collective worship are held four times per week and a class time for assembly on the remaining day. All such assemblies follow a termly theme which is values based but we are careful to follow the seasons of the church year and significant festivals and special days are observed. We also consider the shape of our worship, so that there is a variety of activity as well as a sense of liturgy. It is led by staff, clergy, visitors from the local Church community and pupils who are given opportunities to lead worship at various times throughout the year.



Implementation

Collective worship will:

- be affirming for the whole community, staff and pupils
- involve parents, the local clergy and leaders of the other Christian traditions, and the local community as well as the pupils and staff.
- include a variety of elements at different times

It will involve some or all of the following elements:

- some time for thinking,
- some time for stories, including bible stories,
- some time for sharing,
- some time for singing,
- some time for listening,
- some time for celebrating,
- some time for prayer,
- some time for silence and stillness.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Headteacher and Governors will review this policy every two years, in line with the Timetable for Policy and Document Review, and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school. Collective Worship itself will be continually monitored by members of the school community and beyond through discussion, participation, observation and reflection, as we commit ourselves to ensuring that Collective Worship is a valued and valuable experience for all: inclusive, invitational and inspiring.



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