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# Woore Primary and Nursery School Collective Worship Policy

## **Mission Statement**

Collective worship at Woore Primary and Nursery School plays an important part in the life of our school. We value every individual's unique contribution, regardless of age, sex, ability, background or religion. Collective worship reinforces the school community, by giving pupils the opportunity to share things of worth with each other, within a reflective space. The reflective worship that we deliver will recognise and value the cultural, linguistic and religious diversity of our school population and will be conducted within our Equal Opportunities policy.

## **Legal Requirements**

The 1988 Education Act requires that every school should provide a daily act of collective worship for all pupils. The majority of which each term should be "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character". Collective worship should "reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief without being distinctive of any particular denomination".

We recognise the right to withdraw pupils from worship at the request of parents. Where pupils are withdrawn, a teaching assistant or teacher will supervise them. They will be set meaningful tasks to do whilst they are withdrawn.

## **Content**

We will use a range of objectives and ways of working to ensure that the children develop their understanding, views and opinions as a vital tool in their personal lives in our society today and for the future. At Woore Primary and Nursery School we:

- Mark the celebration of Christianity and a broad range of religious and cultural festivals that reflect the diversity of faiths contained within the community
- Use stories to support themes from a range of sources, including sacred texts, faith communities, secular books, current themes and world affairs
- Provide a moment for silent reflection and prayer
- Celebrate the successes of members of the school community
- Show performances or presentations from members of the school community (e.g. class assemblies)
- Invite visiting speakers/experts to add depth, interest and knowledge
- Sing a variety of hymns and other songs

### **Location**

At Woore Primary and Nursery School we aim to provide a rich variety of approaches to worship within the school setting. Our worship time generally takes place in the school hall and is led by school staff, the local vicar or by a visitor. We also hold special worship time at St. Leonards Church at key points through the year such as Harvest and Christmas.

### **Current Practice**

An act of collective worship takes place each day in a variety of ways and can include:

- Christian Act of Worship
- Hymn/Singing practice
- Achievement/Celebration Assembly
- PSHE Themed Assembly
- Current affairs and news-Picture News

Multicultural days and weeks are often planned into the school year where children study the cultural beliefs, practices and festivals of a range of different religions.

### **Resources**

We have a range of assembly books, digital resources, files, stories and music stored in a central location. We regularly use online resources to support acts of worship, alongside inviting a range of visitors to lead assemblies on particular themes.