



## Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

### POLICY FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

#### **Vision Statement**

Swanmore Church of England Primary School's Christian values of Honesty, Love and Respect strive to develop children in to caring, reflective and proactive individuals; aspiring for the greatest achievement in all they do, seeking to improve themselves and the world around them.

#### **Aims and Objectives**

- To awaken in the children an awareness of their spirituality and provide opportunities for them to respond to it.
- To provide opportunities for the whole school community to gather together to celebrate the ethos of the school as enshrined in the Vision Statement.

#### **As a Church of England School we seek to:**

- Reflect on the belief in God as Creator and Saviour, the power of his Holy Spirit and the Bible as God's Word, in accordance with the Anglican tradition.
- Base our worship within the broad traditions of Anglicanism and the Christian festivals.
- Embrace the Ecumenical commitment of the Church of England by providing Collective Worship to which children and staff can be free to respond with integrity whatever their personal commitment.
- Share together in worship in order to support the promotion of Christian values.
- Extend the children's understanding of Christianity.
- Conform to the legal requirements concerning daily Collective Worship reflecting the broad Christian tradition and matched to the age, aptitude and family background of the children.
- Make the record of all Acts of Worship available to parents on request.

It is the school policy not to incorporate the celebration of the Eucharist in Collective Worship although teaching about the Eucharist forms part of the Religious Education curriculum.

Although we expect that all children will be present during collective worship, we acknowledge that parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from acts of worship if they so wish. Staff too have the right of withdrawal.

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## **Collective Worship Guidelines**

In accordance with the law the majority of Acts of Worship over a term should be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.

### **Themes for Collective Worship “Thought for the Week”**

Each weekly theme will consist of a “Thought for the Week” which will be introduced on a Monday during Worship. The thought will then be discussed, explained, illustrated or reflected upon, and aspects of the thought will be explored during Worship.

During class worship on Tuesdays and Thursdays the thought can be reinforced, developed or discussed and reflected upon. This may form part of, or the whole of, the class worship, at the class teacher’s discretion. This will give us continuity throughout the school but without totally prescribing each class’s worship.

The ‘Thought for the Week’ will be displayed in each classroom, the school hall, and on the school website.

Each week for the school year has been allocated a ‘thought’. These are changeable / moveable. If it would be appropriate to change the thought for the week in order to address topical issues this should be done.

Thoughts for the Week link with the Liturgical Year, other faiths, school values and positive learning traits. Links are made to British Values and SMSC and suggestions are made for questions to develop individual spirituality.

### **Weekly Pattern of Worship:-**

Monday                      Whole school Singing Worship, introducing the Thought for the Week  
Led by Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher, members of the  
Methodist church through Open the Book

Tuesday                     Key Stage 1 – Superstars and thought for the week  
Key Stage 2 – Class worship

Wednesday                Key Stage 2 – One Wednesday of the month – short church service led  
by the children, Head teacher, or clergy from St. Barnabas  
Key Stage 1 – Singing and thought for the week

Thursday      Key Stage 1 – Class worship  
                    Key Stage 2 – Superstars and thought for the week

Friday            Whole school worship led by a class of children, Head teacher or Deputy  
Head teacher