

## Duddon Saint Peter's CE School



### Worship Policy

Worship is an important part of the life of Duddon Saint Peter's CE School and supports our corporate life. Worship helps us to:

- learn and reflect on the life of Jesus and of the peoples of the Bible
- reflect on the meaning and purpose of life
- develop meditation and thought
- respond to challenges
- explore religious ideas
- celebrate festivals and life
- learn from the experiences of others

Links between Saint Peter's Church and the school are long established; we hold services in church to celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Saint Peter's Day, and a service for the pupils leaving school in July. These services bring parents and children together. The Vicar also takes collective worship in school/church each week and contributes to the Church Services. Children from Treetops join us for services.

#### Definition and purpose:

Worship reflects something special or separate from ordinary school activities and is concerned with reverence or veneration paid to a divine being or power. Our collective worship includes prayer, which is an enriching part of human life. Prayer is often understood as a way that humans can articulate their gratitude, their hopes and fears and by bringing these to the fore be better equipped to deal with them in a positive way. An alternative to prayer in an act of collective worship might be the singing of a hymn or a time for reflection, nevertheless there should be some reference to a 'divine being or power' during the act. Collective worship should be a formative and nurturing experience. The use of the Lord's Prayer should be a regular feature. There should also be a significant role for silent reflection and for contemplation in collective worship.

#### Each day begins with an act of collective worship:

Mondays	Whole school worship	Head Teacher
Tuesday	Key Stage One Key Stage Two	Key Stage 1 staff / Adam Friend - Vicar Key Stage 2 staff / Adam Friend - Vicar
Wednesday	Whole school worship	A variety of staff and children
Thursday	Whole school "Songs of Praise" & worship	
Friday	Whole school worship	Led by members of staff and/or children

Visitors are invited to make a contribution on some occasions; for example, representatives of Charities such as the Guide Dogs for the Blind, R.N.L.I, Barnardo's or NSPCC. Governors are also involved in collective worship; individuals have used Bible stories etc.

Planning for worship is based on the Christian Calendar. Particular events are programmed for each term and a thematic approach is often used. A wide range of resources is available for the preparation of themes and the diocesan format is used. The RE Diocesan Framework is in place and is followed.

Each act of worship may include: a song or hymn, a theme using the Bible and/or a story, a poem, a factual account, or discussion with the children and a prayer. Music is used to introduce and end the worship; music is sometimes used as the worship theme. Images may be used at the beginning to create a sense of 'awe'.

Children are encouraged to take an active part in all acts of worship eg: playing instruments, selecting pre-recorded music, leading prayers, delivering information, talking about life experiences, reading aloud, asking and responding to questions raised.

A worship file is kept and this also contains the themes and formats of the services arranged in Church.

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