

Clearwell's Collective Worship Policy

Our Vision:

At Clearwell we encourage our children to be adventurous and creative. We want them to contribute to communities and to uphold Christian values in everyday life.

We will do this through our curriculum by giving them the opportunities to:

- experience adventures
- open up their creativity
- develop skills for life
- communicate confidently

At Clearwell C of E Schools, the daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. It is a time where we come together to explore our beliefs, worship God, develop community spirit and celebrate our achievements (and sometimes failures) together. The worship of our school is based on promoting the Christian values which permeate the ethos of the schools. As such, the contributions of staff, pupils, lay preacher and other visitors are valued highly. Worship is led by staff, the lay preacher, children and other special visitors throughout the year.

Christian Values

Our core values are Hope, Peace, Trust, Forgiveness, Courage and Friendship. These values are embodied in our daily worship and school ethos, as well as being embedded throughout our curriculum.

We blend Christian teaching and Values Education within our worship in order to create opportunities for children to develop physically, emotionally, personally, socially, mentally and intelligently so that their self-esteem and well-being is sound and supported by ever growing emotional intelligence; leading to an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as young citizens.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement for each child to attend a daily act of worship either as a whole school, class or group. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from the act of worship either partially or wholly. Any parents wishing to do so should contact the Headteacher.

Organisation

We aim to provide a variety of worship experiences for the children. Over a week Worship events will take place including; Whole school worship, Open the Book Team, Hymn Singing, Classroom Worship, Celebration Assembly.

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Visiting groups and individuals are welcomed into the school to lead worship. The assembly/worship should last approximately 15-30 minutes dependent on the focus.

Planning, Content and Detail are held by the Headteacher electronically and responses to our Worship are evident in our Spirituality folder and "Developing who we are" folders in each classroom.

They reflect our Values focus for that term, the Church calendar, our school ethos and current events. Collective worship time in school is distinct from other classroom activities, retaining a sense of occasion and togetherness. A table is used with a cloth (liturgical colours), a candle is lit to act as a focus for worship. We welcome the children by lighting candles.

Collective Worship takes place focusing on 'as we open the window...' Reflection time takes place by 'looking through the mirror' and the responding time takes place by reflecting 'as we step through the door'. These terms are being embedded during the academic year 2019-20.

Collective worship always includes a time of prayer and/or reflection, including hymn practice. Although our worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values, we are committed to respecting each other's faith stance and culture, showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs.

At the beginning of the lunch hour, grace is said by each class.

Our local church is valued and something that we use as a whole school.