

Emersons Green Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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Rationale

At Emersons Green Primary School we hold a daily act of worship of a broadly Christian character, which reflects the traditions of Christian beliefs but is non-denominational and does not exclude the traditions of other religions.

We follow the principles listed below:

- School services should be inclusive.
- School services should contribute to the religious education of all pupils.
- Whenever possible, school services should have a sense of occasion.

Broad Aims

- To foster a sense of fellowship, bringing pupils together.
- To create an atmosphere where those who wish to worship may do so.
- To encourage in pupils a reflective approach to life.
- To increase sensitivity towards, and awareness of the search for meaning in the face of life's mysteries.
- To introduce pupils to various aspects (prayer, hymn, drama, art) of religious worship in an open and honest atmosphere.

Spiritual Development

- To celebrate all that is positive and inspiring about life - our school, local community and natural surroundings.
- To provide opportunities for pupils to share what is meaningful and significant to them, including the 'darker' side of life.
- To ensure, as far as possible, that the experiences provided are relevant to the age, aptitude and family background of the pupils.
- To give time for silent reflection and exploration of inner space.
- To illustrate forms of worship that others have found helpful in their spiritual development, e.g. silent contemplation, dance, singing.
- To provide an environment that is conducive to worship and adequately resourced e.g. literature, visual aids, music, artefacts, and guest speakers.
- To invite, (never coerce) a response from the children which is appropriate to the occasion.

Organisation

Assemblies are timetabled and are a mix of whole school and key stage assemblies.

A rota for staff is organised in advance by a member of staff. All teachers and children are involved in school services sometime throughout the year.

Assemblies are planned around a weekly theme, which is agreed in advance. The staff taking services in any given week will meet to agree content of assembly in order to build on the weekly theme and prevent repetition of story or content.

Wherever possible, a hall display may reflect the weekly theme.

Recording

Assemblies are planned in advance and recorded in a file kept on the school ICT network.