



Abbot Beyne School

Policy:	Collective Worship
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Aims and purpose

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues
- To enable children to explore their own beliefs
- To encourage participation, response and reflection
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes
- To promote racial harmony and respect for all
- To combat prejudice and discrimination

Collective Worship

- We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose involves all members of the school coming together (or viewing online) as year groups or Key Stages to provide an opportunity for spiritual, social, moral and cultural development.
- In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', we normally base our worship on Christian principles. However, we conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to our Muslim students and those representing other World faiths.

Organisation of collective worship

- We hold a weekly assembly for students. Students have the opportunity to reflect, be quiet and thoughtful. These can be conducted online.
- We regard assemblies as an important part of the school day and expect students to behave in an appropriate way.
- Assemblies always have a clear theme and sometimes reflect the festivals and events of the Christian and other faiths' calendar. Sometimes the themes of our assemblies reflect and build on topics that we teach as part of the school curriculum and which support the development of spiritual, social, moral and cultural values.
- Our assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of our students. Assemblies offer an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievement both in and out of schools. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Abbot Beyne School is a successful school and we celebrate the successes of all our students during assemblies.

Right of withdrawal

- We expect all students to attend assemblies as we feel they are vital in building a sense of community. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1998 Reform Act.