



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

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DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the following meanings for the purposes of this document: -

the School means Clifton All Saints Academy

INTRODUCTION

We believe that Collective Worship is an integral part of our life at school. It contributes to the spiritual and moral development of our pupils. It provides a focus for the school community and helps reflect the tone and ethos of the School.

The Education Act of 1988 requires us to provide daily Collective Worship for all pupils. This worship should be according to the School's Trust Deed. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship.

AIMS

Worship is understood in a broad sense and aims to:

- Foster a sense of fellowship and community by bringing together staff and pupils with a wide variety of beliefs and attitudes
- Focus on widely held Christian values and concerns
- Encourage a reflective approach to life and develop spiritual and moral awareness
- Introduce pupils to aspects of religious worship in an honest and open atmosphere
- Develop tolerance and respect for each other by increasing pupils' awareness and sensitivity to humanity and our world

OBJECTIVES

Meaningful worship is ensured by:

- A daily act of worship together and class prayers at the end of each session
- Pupil participation in worship with opportunities for pupils to express themselves in a variety of different ways e.g. music, dance, drama, art and poetry
- Opportunities for parents, governors and friends to attend worship on a regular basis and on special occasions
- Opportunities for visitors to lead or participate in worship

PATTERN

Daily assemblies follow a regular pattern:

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| Mondays | Whole school hymn practice/Worship | Led by teachers |
| Tuesdays | Whole school worship (Values/Class Assembly/Birthday Assembly) | Led by teachers/class or birthday children |
| Wednesdays | Whole school worship (Bible Stories) | Led by Head Teacher |
| Thursdays | Whole school worship | Led by Reverend |
| Fridays | Whole school celebration worship | Celebration of efforts and achievements |

Parents are invited to join our pupils for Class and Birthday worship which include their child, as well as joining the School in celebrating End-of-Term services and Christian Festivals in All Saints' Church. Leaders of local faith communities lead worship regularly, linked to the value for that month. The School also occasionally has charitable organisations in to lead worship sometimes as an introduction to a fund raising event on their behalf.

THEMES

Worship themes are planned to reinforce the value of the half term. They give opportunities for learning Bible stories, for thinking about values important to the School community, for reflecting upon Life's deeper meanings, for sharing classroom experiences, for focussing on local or national occasions and for celebrating special occasions.

As part of the cycle of festivals and seasons reflected in the worship themes, the major Christian Festivals are celebrated together with some celebrations from other world faiths, such as Diwali, Hanukah, Eid, and the Chinese New Year.

As part of our pupil involvement activities, Year 4 children will lead the Wednesday worship session one a term, based on the Parables and linked to the Values.