



Stebbing Primary School Collective Worship Policy

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Introductory statement

This school complies with the requirements set out in the Education Reform Act regarding collective worship. It is acknowledged that worship is a free response and cannot be forced on those who do not have a belief. Rather it provides an opportunity for reflection and the possibility of spiritual growth.

Aims

The aim of collective worship is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship their God
- reflect on values of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered.

The Policy

1. How collective worship will be implemented

An act of collective worship will take place every day. The time at which this takes place and the form of the collective worship (whole school or class) may vary. Assemblies will provide opportunities for pupils to participate in planning, in presentation and to respond appropriately.

2. The nature of collective worship

The collective worship will be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. From time to time representatives of the local church will assist in delivering collective worship, but it will be non-denominational. We will also be sensitive to the fact that not all children come from religious families. It is recognised that many of the values and spiritual teachings of Christianity are also held by other faiths and by those with no specific faith.

3. Withdrawal from collective worship

Every child will take part unless withdrawn by his/her parents/guardians via written communication. Members of staff may also withdraw from collective worship.