

Manor Junior School
Policy Statement for Collective Worship

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Please note that the pandemic has hindered the ability to conduct daily assemblies. However, our aim during this time, is to ensure that there is at least one formal school assembly each week.

Aims:

Through our programme of daily collective worship we aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values;
- Consider spiritual, cultural and moral issues;
- Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs;
- Share, acknowledge and celebrate individual and school achievements.

Statutory Duty of School:

In line with statute, we provide daily opportunity for collective worship for all registered pupils through our programme of assemblies.

In consultation with the governing body the head teacher is responsible for arranging the daily collective worship. Daily collective worship will be of a broadly Christian character, although its precise nature will take into consideration family backgrounds, ages and abilities of the pupils.

Implementation:

Collective worship will;

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils;
- Include a variety of elements at different times;
- Involve pupils;
- Focus on current issues, significant religious and non-religious events and link where appropriate to the school's PSHCE curriculum.

Assemblies 2020/21:

Monday 9.00	Tuesday LS 9.00 US 10.15	Wednesday LS 9.00 US 10.15	Thursday LS 9.00 US 10.15	Friday 9.00
Headteacher	Focus Staff led	Singing	School council / sports	Class Assemblies

Parental Right to Withdraw:

As stated in the Education Reform Act 1988 parents have a right to withdraw children from Religious Education and Collective Worship. The school will comply with all requests to withdraw individual pupils. The school will take responsibility for supervision of any child withdrawn.

The school will not request specific reasons from parents who seek pupil withdrawal. However, the headteacher may wish to clarify with any parent wanting to withdraw:

- The religious issues about which the parent would object their child being taught
- The practical implications of withdrawal;
- The circumstances in which it would be reasonable to accommodate parental wishes
- If a parent will require any advanced notice of such issues and if so, how much.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review:

The school and governing body will review and monitor this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.