

*Tavistock Primary and Nursery School*

## **Collective Worship Policy**

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### Introduction

At Tavistock Primary and Nursery School we believe that Collective Worship plays a very important role in the life of our school. It is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life to support our curriculum and to provide an opportunity for stillness and reflection in what is often a very busy, active day for our children.

### Our Vision

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School is a caring place where everyone feels valued, motivated and supported so all can move together towards a bright, positive and successful future.

*Inspire and Believe. Discover and Achieve.*

### Aims of Collective Worship

The central aims of Collective Worship at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School are to:

- provide our children with regular opportunities for stillness and reflection
- promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- celebrate the values and worth of the school and local community and all who belong in it, including the sharing of the gifts and talents of our children.
- help children develop and understanding both of the nature and language of worship
- help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others
- support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, dance, story, drama and other visual and oral means of communication.

### The Legal Position

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that collective worship must be on a daily basis for all registered pupils. Furthermore, acts of worship "must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character, i.e. reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief." At Tavistock Primary and Nursery School we have developed a range of themes through which collective worship takes place. We believe these themes are in the majority clearly Christian in nature but are universal in their application. We recognise that in our school we have children from a variety of faith back-grounds and that many children have no religious background at all. Great care is taken in our collective worship to ensure that all children feel valued and special and that their integrity as human beings is consistently upheld.

### Inclusion

Collective Worship at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School is an inclusive activity and it will make every effort to accommodate all pupils' needs. Parents do have, of course, the right of withdrawal from Collective Worship. Parents who have any concerns about the provision and practice of our Collective Worship are strongly encouraged to contact the Headteacher. Tavistock Primary and Nursery School values the contributions of everyone and appreciates diversity.

### Context of Collective Worship

In order to promote children's learning, our acts of worship vary in size. An example pattern is set out below but this is often subject to slight change over the course of a year:

Monday: Whole school collective worship led by the Headteacher.

Tuesday: Class collective worship led by the Class Teachers

Wednesday: Class collective worship led by the Class Teachers

Thursday: KS1 Collective worship led by 'Open the book' (local Church group). KS2 - Class based collective worship

Friday: Whole school singing collective worship

Visitors play an important part in the life of our school and regularly contribute to acts of worship. We record our acts of worship to inform our learning and plan for further developments. We are developing a range of resources to enhance children's learning. These include stories, music, slides, poems, pictures and posters and videos - all of which we hope contribute to a stimulating and thoughtful time for our children.

**Conclusion**

Collective Worship plays a very important role in our school as we seek to develop our children in the skills of reflection and empathy, to encourage and celebrate their talents and to promote their spiritual and moral development.

**Other relevant policies / documents**

The following documents / policies need to be born in mind when reading this policy:

- Collective Worship Timetable
- Collective worship Guidance

This policy will be shared with all staff and be available on the school's website.