


COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School Ethos statement:

'Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.

On the basis that we are a church school, we accept that each child is an individual created by God and seek to provide each child with an environment of security, acceptance and reassurance, so that each one may develop their potential. We seek to create a happy atmosphere where Christian values are upheld.'

Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School vision:

- We seek to create a happy, loving atmosphere where everyone is expected to love their neighbour as Jesus loves us.
- Through Christian values our goal is to develop the physical, emotional, moral and spiritual well-being of each child in surroundings.
- We promote British values
- We are committed to raising standards of teaching and learning.
- We aim to develop a strong sense of family, trust and friendship, whilst encouraging respect and responsibility for self, others and the environment.
- We strive to provide interesting and exciting opportunities which inspire all to achieve their full potential.
- Our intent is to stimulate a fun-loving, imaginative, adventurous attitude, with the ability to gain wisdom from failures and to celebrate successes.

Safeguarding Statement:

At Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School we respect and value all children and are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all school activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by, or invited to deliver services at Charlton Mackrell C of E Primary School. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard all whom access school and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

Rationale

We have adopted twelve Christian values that form the basis of our worship and wider school life.

Each value is looked at for a term and all worship is planned around this value, as well as being promoted throughout the school. Care is taken to ensure that understanding of each value is rooted in the Bible and the example of Jesus.

The School Collective Worship Policy aims to reflect and reinforce many of the school aims.

The common strands are:

- Care and support
- Relationships
- Respect and responsibility
- Appreciation and achievements

In keeping with these aims, Collective Worship at Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School is planned to:

- Provide opportunities to explore our Christian values
- Provide a sense of spirituality, which contributes significantly to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Provide a meaningful experience, which takes account of the pupil's age, aptitude and family background.
- Provide opportunities for staff, pupils, and members of the wider community to contribute to the life of the school.
- Provide opportunities to worship God, including reverence and celebration.

The collective act of worship can include opportunities for:

- Focus on the term's Christian value
- A time to develop an inner awareness.
- The whole school to celebrate.
- Sharing and experiences and difficulties.
- A time for peace and quiet, reflection and thought.
- Building a sense of 'belonging' to school and family as well as wider groups.
- Learning the value of the individual.
- Learning how to behave in a group.
- Learning how to perform or respond to a performance.
- Exploring feelings and emotions.
- Use of the imagination, and senses.
- Expressing thoughts and feelings in a variety of ways.

Organisation of collective worship

- The programme of collective worship is co-ordinated by the RE co-ordinator who, in consultation with the other members of staff, prepares a yearly programme of termly themes.
- This daily event plays a significant role in school life and is supported by the school's PHSE policy. Once a week, during Celebration Praise, we celebrate pupils' achievements throughout the week. The room is prepared for collective worship by the children, who also choose the music and any hymns or songs.

Withdrawal of children from collective worship.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of worship. It is hoped, however, that parents will consult with the school before formal requests are made to withdraw their children from acts of worship.

Established: 2006

Reviewed: 2010, 2015