



Collective Worship Policy

The act of collective worship is held each day for the pupils of Wallisdean Junior School in accordance with the requirements of the 1996 Education Act.

Philosophy and Rationale

At Wallisdean we value the time we give to Collective Worship and see it as an integral part of the life and work of our school. It enhances and complements the school's curriculum.

Aims and Objectives

Through our Collective Worship we provide an opportunity to mark and celebrate special events and achievements both within and beyond the school's community. This fosters the children's sense of belonging to the school's community, enables them to recognise their identity within the UK and gives them an understanding of the wider world.

Children are encouraged to see the value of having time to reflect, as we feel it is important that they are offered experiences that raise their awareness of the beliefs, values and motivations of others.

Implementation

The school's acts of Collective Worship are based on religious festivals and non – religious events, diversity, rights, respect responsibility and safety. We also celebrate the successes of significant people in history, in the world and in our school community.

Our assemblies are organised accordingly:

Monday	Whole School	Learning Power Words
Tuesday	Whole School	Celebration
Wednesday	Whole School	Singing & Reflection
Thursday	Whole School	St John's Church – Open the Book, or Picture News
Friday	Whole School	Picture News/P4C

The Act of Collective Worship

Through our acts of collective worship, we

- Help our children to develop a sense of awe and wonder about the world
- Affirm positive values
- Encourage responsibility for making personal decisions
- Celebrate achievement and special occasions

We value our assemblies and promote them as something special. We mark this special time by selecting a piece of music to play as the children enter and leave the assembly hall. Children are encouraged to respect our collective time together.

Reflection is seen as a key part of every assembly. This is a time when everyone present is invited to reflect on a particular issue.

Children will be given opportunities to respond in a range of ways, which could include singing together, contributing, poetry, stories, prayer, time to think and be peaceful.

Legal Requirements

- All pupils in attendance on each school day take part in an act of Collective Worship
- Parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of collective worship
 - Parents can request permission in writing to the Executive Headteacher, to withdraw their child from parts of or all collective worship. The pupil will be withdrawn to an area promoting quiet reflection during this time. A parent may choose to supervise their child during this time.
- Classteachers with children with individual faiths are responsible for checking the content of assemblies.
- The majority of acts of Collective Worship are a broadly Christian character, reflecting the broad traditions of Christian belief, but links are often made with the beliefs and traditions of other faith groups.
- Staff have the right to withdraw from all or part of any act of Collective Worship, having discussed this with the Head of School.

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