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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Collective Worship Policy

At the Academy at St. James we believe that collective worship is:-

- An opportunity for people to openly share their joy and experience of God's unconditional love
- A time for prayer, praise and silence
- An opportunity to reflect upon our sense of being
- An opportunity to encourage expression of inmost thoughts
- An opportunity to enable each of us to identify with others in the school community and the wider world

Roles and Responsibilities

The Head of School and a member of the church will oversee the format and direction of collective worship.

The approach will be one of integrating in a meaningful, thoughtful, sensitive way the aims of the Mission Statement, focussing on Christian Values.

The emphasis will be wholly Christian and will cover the Church's year, teachings from the Bible and stories. Within this it will encompass local and global issues.

Built into these collective worship experiences will be ideas and information and appropriate times for prayers, praise and silence.

Collective worship will be held in the hall in the format outlined in the timetable. Further opportunities for prayer and reflection will be held in class before lunch and at the end of the day. Prayer that is spontaneous is encouraged and there is a school prayer, lunch time and end of day prayers that can be used and are displayed in classrooms. Once every term, worship will be held in St. James' Church and will be led by the children.

An outline plan will be made by the Head of School and member of St. James' Church detailing a theme and the person leading. The format of the delivery is decided by the person leading the worship. Collective worship will always be started and finished by the children. They will have an active part in leading the worship.

Once a week, the worship will be led by the Church.

Observations of assembly will be made by children and feedback will be made. An evaluation following feedback can be made by the person observed and feedback will be collated by the Head.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship. If they wish to do so, a request should be made in writing to the Head of School.

This policy will be reviewed on a three yearly basis or earlier if legislation should change.