



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY MAY 2018

Policy Originator: Headteacher

Status: Non-statutory

Review Period: Three Years

Date: May 2018

Next review date: May 2021

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered

Statutory Duty of School

It is the practice of Shalford Infant School to hold an act of worship every day, whether in assembly or in individual class or year groups in accordance with our statutory responsibility.

Collective worship is mainly Christian in nature as laid down by the 1988 Education Act.

Implementation

An Act of Worship will usually be held in the daily assembly.

Daily assemblies may take a different format each day. They will include a mixture of the following; listening to music, singing together, discussion on important issues, listening to stories, drama, sharing a reflective time together, praying and celebrating achievements, events and important festivals throughout the year.

During these assemblies we make children aware that there are other religious faiths and beliefs, and that we all live in a world where we learn to understand and appreciate each other's differences.

Festivals – Parents with knowledge of different faiths are invited to join us for celebration of festivals. Children may learn about customs including special food and look at religious artefacts.

Children can be withdrawn from Collective Worship by their parents for various reasons after discussion with the Headteacher.