



St Anne (Stanley) Church of England Primary

St. Anne (Stanley) C.E Primary School Collective Worship Policy

Policy Statement

At St. Anne (Stanley) Primary School, the daily act of Collective Worship is viewed as an important part of school life. It is a time when we come together to share our love of God and celebrate our achievements. Worship within our school is based on promoting our School Values which permeate the ethos of our school. The contributions of Staff, pupils, church clergy and other visitors are valued highly.

In line with the 1988 education Reform Act, which states that Collective Worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', we base our assemblies on the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Christian Church. However, we conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to the faiths and beliefs of all members of our school community.

Our School Values

We blend Christian teaching and our **School Values** of **Honesty, Friendship, Understanding, Hope, Confidence** and **Family** to create opportunities for children to develop physically, emotionally, and socially leading to an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as young citizens. (This is also linked to the teaching of S.E.A.L) At St. Anne (Stanley) we actively seek to encourage the attitudes of awe, wonder and reflection.

Organisation of Collective Worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship. This forms part of each morning assembly, which can either be a whole school, Key Stage, year group or a class assembly.

We conduct assemblies in a dignified and respectful way. Children recognise that assembly time is a period of calm reflection and we expect children to be quiet, thoughtful, listen to teachings and to participate fully in prayers and hymns. We create an appropriate atmosphere often using music, candles and other objects to focus the attention of the children.

Assemblies are conducted either by the Headteacher or other teaching staff, but are sometimes led by St. Anne's Church clergy or other representatives of religious groups. Themes of our assemblies are taken from the traditions of the Christian faith. We observe the festivals and mark events of the Christian calendar alongside our School values. We plan our assemblies half-termly and they are recorded daily in our Collective Worship Planning Files.

Our assemblies also reflect the achievements and learning of the children. At St. Anne's, we encourage children to participate in our Praise Assemblies and 'Show and Tell' Assemblies by showcasing their work and raising issues which they have discussed in class. Praise assemblies provide an opportunity to reward children for achievements both in and out of school. They also play an important part promoting the ethos of our school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements recognised. At St. Anne (Stanley) school we enjoy celebrating the successes of all our children during assemblies.

Throughout the year parents from children in Nursery to Year 4 are invited to attend a Family Assembly in which their child takes part in. We encourage attendance in order to promote community spirit.

Church School Partnership

Children and staff attend St Anne (Stanley) Church for special services in recognition of the main Anglican festivals (Harvest, Christmas and Easter). Year 5 and 6 attend church three times per year for a Eucharist Service in which parents and the community are invited to attend. We recognise and actively encourage the strong links we have with our church.

Right of withdrawal

We expect all children to attend assembly. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from religious worship. The school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during that part of the assembly. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for their request. This right of withdrawal complies with the 1944 Education Act which was restated in the 1988 education reform Act. The Headteacher will keep a record of all children who have been withdrawn from collective worship.

Monitoring and Review

Monitoring the policy and practice of collective worship is the role of the Religious Education manager. They will liaise with the Headteacher before reporting to the governors.

This policy will be reviewed September 2019

Signed: R.E Manager

Signed: Headteacher

Signed: Vicar of St. Anne's Church

Signed: Chair of Governors.