



St. Anne (Stanley) C of E School
Collective Worship Policy
A Baseline for Achieving Excellence in Worship

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Vision

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 contribution of the 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 broad Christian Character', we base our worship on the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Christian Church. However, we conduct our worship in a manner that is sensitive to the faith and beliefs of all members of our school community.

School values

Honesty - "And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." **John 8:32**

Friendship - "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." **John 15:13**

Hope - "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." **Romans 12:12**

Understanding - "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." **Proverbs 3:5**

Confidence - "Therefore do not throw away your confidence which has a great reward." **Hebrews 10:35**

Family - "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." **Exodus 20:12**

These underpin and are embedded in our curriculum. We blend Christian teachings and our School Values to create opportunities for children to develop physically, emotionally, and socially leading to an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as young citizens. At St Anne (Stanley) we actively seek to encourage the attitudes of awe, wonder and reflection.

In Collective Worship, this means:

- Children having confidence in their knowledge and eagerness to share their ideas.
- Children have an understanding of cultures and religions and show understanding and respect.
- Children develop an understanding of their own spirituality and how the values can help them lead a life in Jesus footsteps.

Organisation of Collective Worship

We hold a daily act of Collective Worship. This forms part of each day which can be a whole school, Key Stage, Band, year group or class worship.



Collective Worship Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10-9.30	9.10-9.30 Head Teacher Collective Worship KS2	Class Collective Worship In class/ Any time		9.10-9.30 Band 4 Collective Worship	Family Worship /Hymn Practice Whole School
9.35 - 10.00					
10.00-10.30	10.00-10.25 Head Teacher Collective Worship KS1		10.15-10.45 Praise and Worship KS2	10.05-10.25 Band 2 Collective Worship	
10.35-11.00			10.45-11.15 Praise and Worship KS1	10.25-10.45 Band 3 Collective Worship	
11.00-11.30					

EYFS

- Class Collective Worship 9.05-9.20 (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)
- Head Teacher Collective Worship (Wednesday before Music)
- Family Worship /Hymn Practice 9.10-10.00 (Friday)

Extra Class Collective Worship planning available in the file.

We conduct worship in a dignified and respectful way. Children recognise that worship 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.

Worship is conducted either by the Head teacher or other teaching staff, but are sometimes led by St Anne's Church clergy or other representatives of religious groups. Themes of our worship are taken from the traditions of the Christian faith and our school values. We observe the festivals and mark events of the Christian calendar. We plan our worship half termly and they are recorded daily in our Collective Worship planning files.

Our worship also reflects the achievements and learning of the children. At St Anne (Stanley), we encourage children to participate in our Praise and Worship where we showcase pupils work and raise issues which have been discussed in class. Praise and Worship provides an opportunity to reward children for achievements both in and out of school. They also play an important part promoting the vision of our school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements recognised. At St Anne (Stanley) school we enjoy celebrating the success of all our children during worship.

Throughout the year parents from children in Nursey to Year 6 are invited to attend a selection of services and worship. We encourage attendance in order to promote community spirit.

Planning and sequencing

Collective Worship planning follows the sequence of the school values. The topics we cover over the year in Collective Worship are;

- Autumn 1: Honesty and Harvest
- Autumn 2: Friendship and Advent
- Spring 1: Understanding
- Spring 2: Hope and Easter
- Summer 1: Confidence and Pentecost
- Summer 2: Family and Moving On

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.

Learning environment

In St Anne (Stanley) the children's work and achievements will be celebrated through displays in classrooms, corridors and in their class books. The displays and worship areas contain examples of children work, key vocabulary, a range of appropriate resources and prayers. Collective Worship and RE scrapbooks for each year groups are accessed in these learning environments.

Around the school children have access to RE and value related displays and maps. These are placed age appropriate for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Throughout the year the Collective Worship Lead will place questions and facts on these displays making them interactive.

The displays/worship areas are utilised when and where appropriate to support the learning process and prayer. Dedicated display areas in each classroom are expected across the school and are present in each classroom.

Inclusion

At St Anne (Stanley) we believe that it is important for all children to have opportunities to develop their spirituality in a safe environment. In line with equal opportunities we are committed to providing a teaching environment that promotes learning. Collective Worship forms part of the school curriculum policy to provide a broad and balanced education for all children. We plan for and lead worship to all children, whatever their learning needs, this provides children the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We ensure that worship opportunities are provided for the needs of children to make spiritual progress.

Withdrawal

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship if they wish. The Worship and Religious Education provided by our school is in accordance with the Church of England ethos and Liverpool/Blackburn Diocese Syllabus. This is reflected in our curriculum and the whole life of our school community. Since the conduct of our school as a whole reflects the Church of England Ethos, removal of pupils from Worship and or Religious Education cannot insulate them from the religious life of the school. If such a request is made, the Head teacher should explore the reasons for the request and seek to arrive at an appropriate solution. If needed appropriate alternative arrangements will be made for the supervision and tasks set for the child in question. Records of children withdrawn will be kept by the Head teacher.

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This policy will be reviewed every two years.

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