



TYNSEL PARKES C.E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

School Road, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.ST14 7HE

WORSHIP

This policy is overarched and subject to the agreed contents and conditions of the Safeguarding Children and E- Safety Policies

As a church school we recognise that our legal status is the Trust Deed. This ensures a daily act of collective worship, which is consistent with the principles and practices of the Church of England.

We also take account of the Law and Circular 1/94 recognising the age, aptitude and family background of the pupils.

As a church school we are sensitive to the legal requirement of the option to withdraw from worship. However, we are fortunate to enjoy the support of the staff.

Rationale

As a controlled C of E school, collective worship will be wholly of a Christian nature, addressing the needs of the whole child. We recognise the spiritual dimensions of the child and the importance of the child in the school community, local community and the wider world. We seek to reinforce the Anglican foundation through links with the local church and emphasis on Anglican tradition.

Aims

1. To introduce and explore with children the elements of ritual, celebration, faith, worship and service in a Christian context.
2. To recognise the Christian church, its' values, beliefs and practices as applied to daily life.
3. To encourage children to reflect upon their experiences and to help them understand within the context of their own spirituality.
4. To encourage a variety of people to come into school to share their own Christian faith in a variety of ways.
5. To encourage respect and mutual understanding of self and others in a multicultural world.
6. To involve children in whole class presentations.
7. To invite parents/carers to share in special services.

Current Practice

Worship is held daily;

Monday	Whole School	10.10 - 10.25	Staff
Tuesday	Whole School	10.10 - 10.25	Songs of Worship
Wednesday	Whole School	10.10 - 10.25	Class Worship
Thursday	Whole school	10.10 - 10.25	Visitor/Staff
Friday	Whole School	10.00 - 10.20	Celebration

Current Practice - Management and Organisation

1. Worship is planned termly in advance; staff are consulted as to content by the Worship Co-ordinator.
2. Worship have a theme, which is usually followed.
3. This theme is sometimes linked to RE in the school.
4. All staff share in worship.
5. Visitors come into school.
6. Worship records are kept and recorded.
7. Each class takes responsibility for their own worship.
8. Church services are taken by children to celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Easter and the Ascension. Parents/carers are invited to these services.
9. A reflection area is used to support the nature of collection worship in all classrooms and the school hall.
10. Appropriate music is played and sung to enhance meaning and provide an opportunity for reflection and worship.
11. A code of conduct (rules) for collective worship are agreed with the children.

Role of Co-ordinator

1. Is to plan and record assemblies and acts of worship and to keep records.
2. To liaise with visitors and guests.
3. To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the worship and review the policy
4. To oversee resources
5. To liaise with staff and plan content.

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Signed: _____

Date: _____