



'Shine like stars in the universe'

Philippians 2:15

Our vision provides a guiding light to all.

This policy has due regard to the following ethos:

At South Otterington CE Primary School we will continuously strive to ensure that everyone in our school is treated with respect and dignity. Each person in our school will be given fair and equal opportunities to develop their full potential with positive regard to gender, ethnicity, cultural and religious background, faith, sexuality, disability or SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) needs. The school will provide an inclusive curriculum which will meet the needs of all its pupils and staff including those with disabilities, SEND or SEMH needs, from all cultural backgrounds and faiths and pupils with English as a second language.

South Otterington CE Primary School is strongly committed to an ethos that stresses high achievement, equal opportunities, the valuing of cultural diversity, the provision of a secure environment, partnerships with parents and the wider community.

Collective Worship Policy1

Date Policy revised: September 2021

Review: Annually

Next review date: September 2022

INTENT

At South Otterington Primary School, our Collective Worship policy strengthens and supports the Christian identity of our school. We are committed to working together to provide a warm, caring, well-ordered school community in which each member will feel safe and secure. Our ethos is rooted in the Christian values and we want every day to be a positive experience for both pupils and staff. We celebrate the central role that each child has to play in their community.

Our worship reflects the variety of traditions found in the Church of England, and will recognise and follow the Christian liturgical year.

The daily Christian act of worship is central to our ethos and is supported by all staff and governors. It makes an important contribution to the overall spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the whole school community.

IMPLEMENTATION

Collective Worship at South Otterington CE School is planned to

- to be inspirational and inclusive. It should engage all learners and they should be able to talk about the impact it makes on their relationships and on life in the school
- will regularly include Biblical material and Christian teaching and this should explore and relate to the school's core Christian values- each term a new Christian value will be studied. These will be selected for each academic year by pupils, staff and Governors and Parents/Guardians.
- will have a strong focus on God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit enabling all learners to embark on an understanding of the Trinity
- will help all learners to understand Anglican and other Christian traditions found in the UK and worldwide.
- will challenge all learners of all backgrounds to understand and embark on their own spiritual

journey. They should understand the value of Prayer, Reflection Stillness

- will contribute significantly to pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development; by providing all learners with “something more than the obvious, something to wonder at, something to respond to”
- will be an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals.

Collective worship should be invitational and an experience that does not offend the integrity of the non-religious or those of different faith.

Legal Requirements

The law requires the Headteacher and Governing Body of every school to provide a daily act of Collective Worship which is in line with the schools Trust Deed and foundation.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of worship and this is stated in the school prospectus and handbook. Contact regarding these needs are to be made with the Headteacher. Guidance for new parents on non-participation in acts of Collective Worship is given in the school prospectus.

Collective Worship Stars

Our Collective Worship Stars mark out this special time by leading the beginning and end of the Worship. The welcome everyone and lead the prayers at the end when we share the Christian Values n actions followed by the Lord’s Prayer in sign Language.

Planning of our Collective Worship includes:

- Gathering
- Engaging
- Responding
- Sending
- Evaluation.

Our Collective Worship Stars meet once a term led by the Headteacher. These meetings are an opportunity to review and evaluate the last terms Acts of Collective Worship and to plan themes for the next term on the chosen Christian Value. The views of pupils about collective worship are sought through this committee.

The priest of St Andrew’s will be invited to host Collective Worship.

One of the school governors has a role monitoring Collective worship through membership of the ethos committee at the school.

The programme of acts of Collective Worship is co-ordinated by the Headteacher.

Our pattern of Collective Worship Whole School Worship is held four days a week and class worship is for one day per week.

Visitors

Visitors should understand the educational aims of Collective Worship at the school and base their Collective Worship on the Christian Value for the term.

IMPACT

Our school regularly evaluates our acts of collective worship and the impact it has on the school and its wider community. This involves monitoring by school leaders, staff, pupils and governors in order to grow and develop. We also welcome the contributions of parents and pupils. We ensure the legal requirement is upheld and we ensure the pupils in school have access to reflections on their own beliefs and spiritual thoughts. The children are able to understand about different beliefs and religions and are encouraged to develop love, compassion and tolerance to all humankind.

Worship is independently inspected by law under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005 in consultation with the Diocese of York (SIAMS).

Resources

We have a variety resource books which are stored in various classrooms.

SEND and Equal Opportunities

The school aims to give children equal access to Collective Worship regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, disability, background or level of attainment.

Policy agreed by Board of Governors on 29.9.2021

This policy is regularly reviewed by all staff.