



Morley Memorial Primary School Collective Worship Policy

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Introduction

At Morley, Collective worship means a reflection or contemplation, offering the children the opportunity to reflect on some of life's important questions. It should contribute to personal, spiritual growth and the development of an awareness of community. It will support the aims of the school.

Morley serves a diverse community and caters for children from a wide variety of faith backgrounds and none. The school actively promotes an inclusive ethos in which all families feel welcomed. Consequently, we do not expect children to routinely pray or sing hymns during assembly, although a prayer or text from a faith background may be read.

We believe that collective worship may make a contribution to some of the aims of the agreed syllabus, but recognise that religious education cannot be provided adequately through the collective worship programme and should be catered for separately.

At Morley, collective worship will take place in a variety of groupings; whole school, Key Stage, phase and class groups. Generally, the children in the Early Years phase of the school will meet separately as we believe this is appropriate to their needs; as the year progresses they will join a larger group more frequently. The time of day when the act of worship takes place will be determined by the appropriateness for the group concerned.

Assembly Timetable (Hall)

Monday	2.45 – 3:00 Key stage 1
Tuesday	9.00 - 9.30 Whole School Assembly
Wednesday	2:45 – 3:00 Singing Assembly
Thursday	2.45 – 3:00 Key Stage 2
Friday	2.45 – 3:00 Whole School

Collective worship will be mainly of a broadly Christian character. The subject matter needs to be appropriate for the age range and experience of the audience. Sometimes issues raised in a large group can be followed up in a more appropriate way in the classroom or in smaller assembly groupings.

Sources for collective worship may include:

- Celebration of world festivals
- Stories from different faiths
- Celebration of achievements of groups & individuals both in & out of school.
- Picture books with a message
- Environmental Issues
- Stories about human issues e.g. freedom, justice, kindness
- Issues that have arisen in school e.g. anti-bullying, behaviour & concern for others
- Relevant and appropriate current affairs or news items

Occasionally visitors are invited to assembly to enhance and enrich our provision.

Parents have a legal right to withdraw their children from assembly, although at present few do due to the inclusive nature of our worship. Those wishing to exercise this right should do so in writing to the Headteacher. Children who are withdrawn should be supervised by a teaching assistant in the library or a classroom.