



Cumnor CE Primary School

Collective Worship (Assembly) Policy

Agreed by Governors:

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At Cumnor we believe that school assembly has a crucial role in promoting a caring, supportive and inclusive ethos, which is underpinned by Christian personal, social, moral and spiritual values. These core values support the development of the whole child, building self-esteem, encouraging responsibility for personal behaviour and learning and helping all to become aware and responsible citizens in a multi-cultural world.

Our aim throughout is to:

- Articulate the personal, social, moral and spiritual Christian values that underpin the life of the school.
- Foster a sense of fellowship by bringing staff and children together each day.
- Develop the spiritual, moral and social understanding and growth of all children.
- Introduce the children to aspects of religious worship, which in this school will be of a mainly Christian nature.
- Encourage a reflective approach to life through listening, prayers and silence.
- Enhance the experience of worship through singing and by providing a variety of music to which children can listen and respond.
- Instil a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty of the world around us.
- Encourage the children to participate by valuing their responses and contributions.
- Share moments of concern and sadness, happiness and celebration that are part of life.

We aim to deliver these aims through a rich and varied programme of daily assemblies that will include:

Monday	Introduction of weekly theme and value
Tuesday	Key Stage assemblies exploring the weekly value
Wednesday	Hymn Practice
Thursday	Whole school assembly on the weekly value, led by church staff
Friday	Class-led assembly for the whole school or achievement celebrations

During the school year we also welcome guests from the community to lead assemblies.

The School holds services in St Michael's Church on 4 occasions during the year. Parents are invited to attend these, as well as class-led assemblies.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship if they choose to.

The school reviews this policy regularly and assesses its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.