



Collective Worship Policy

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Policy valid until: *Spring 2028*
Policy owned by: *The Headteacher*

Headteacher: _____

For and on behalf of the Governing Body: _____

Policy status

Statutory with a review every 3 years.

Consultation

This policy was established and reviewed by all school staff in consultation with the Governing Body.

"Learning and succeeding in our caring Christian community"

Our motto encompasses all that we do. We aim to learn about life-long behaviours, as well curriculum content to ensure that all our pupils are fully equipped with;

- a moral compass
- skills
- education

so that they can secure future success, personal fulfilment and become responsible citizens of the world.

Our motto is brought to life each day in school. It is demonstrated by the adults in our school community and our pupils are able to recognise what our motto looks like in action. We support and encourage them to choose behaviours that embody our motto, so that they know what it means to;

- care for themselves
- care for others
- care for our school

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5.11

We aim to

- Create, within a Christian setting, a secure and vibrant learning environment where everyone feels included and has the opportunity to shine.
- Create an atmosphere where standards of teaching and learning are constantly in view and transparent.
- Provide an environment where all members of our community are challenged and given the chance to grow and thrive.
- Ensure that everybody is aware of how they learn best, how to improve and apply their skills to new situations.
- Give opportunities to teach and learn positive Christian and human values that will shape them for life.
- Be at the heart of the community, working in partnership to provide an inspiring and motivating learning experience for all.
- Celebrate every achievement and demonstrate a pride in ourselves, each other and our school.

Introduction

- Ysgol St George is a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled School and our Christian ethos underpins everything we do.
- *"Worship is collective in that it involves meeting, exploring, questioning and responding to others and, for some, to God."* – Church in Wales Collective Worship guidance
- Collective Worship takes place every day.
- We believe Collective Worship,
 - is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life
 - provides an opportunity for stillness and reflection during what is often a very busy, active day
 - supports our curriculum.
- The daily act of Christian worship at Ysgol St George, reflects the customs and traditions of the Church in Wales and hence the Trust Deed by which the school was originally founded.

Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring

We aspire to provide Collective Worship that is inclusive, invitational and inspiring.

- Collective Worship is an inclusive activity which affirms and celebrates the Christian values and ethos of our school.
- The act of collective worship at Ysgol St George provides the opportunity for pupils to

- be together,
- to be still,
- to reflect and worship God,
- to think and ask questions
- to consider spiritual and moral issues
- have space to consent and dissent
- participate
- stand back and consider
- explore their own beliefs and encourage participation and response

Aims

At Ysgol St George, Collective Worship seeks to

- foster a sense of community and provide the opportunity to celebrate the values and worth of the school community
- enrich the lives of all present by exploring, extending, sharing and deepening individual experiences and beliefs
- enable the sharing of common emotions, such as love, joy, hope, anguish, fear, forgiveness and reverence
- provide moments of awe and wonder, for truth and the harsher realities of life.
- allow for the expressing of humility, weariness, worry and sorrow
- encourage the development of sensitivity towards the needs and feelings of others
- provide stimulus and the opportunity for silent reflection, inner response and active participation
- help children understand the language and nature of worship and to explore their own beliefs, in relation to those of others
- develop pupils understanding of the traditions and practices of the Church in Wales
- introduce pupils to the practice of prayer, to learn and use the Lord's Prayer and their own prayers.
- introduce pupils to the use of silence in worship and to use it creatively.
- teach pupils hymns and other spiritual songs so that they may participate in worship.
- provide opportunity for pupils to read, recite and participate in the presentation of worship and to learn how the Bible is used in worship.
- Afford opportunities for pupils to take increasing responsibility for leading, monitoring and evaluating Collective Worship
- introduce themes for worship which reflect the Church Year of Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Pentecost and the major Christian festivals.
- invite visitors to share in and to conduct worship at the school.

Provision

Day	Type of Collective Worship	Where	Time
Monday	Whole school Collective Worship	Class 2	10:10am
Tuesday	Class Collective Worship	Classes	
Wednesday	Class Collective Worship	Classes	
Thursday	Whole school Collective Worship / singing / visiting speaker	Class 2	1:15pm
Friday	Whole School Celebration Service	Class 2	2:30pm

- Classes have a Gwasanaeth Cymraeg once a month
- As well as coming together as a whole school for Collective Worship, worship and prayer takes place at other key points throughout the day, for example at the end of the morning and at the end of the day.
- On the final Friday of every month, we have a church service in St George's Church.
- This service is led by the children and parents and families are invited to attend so that they can share the experience of Collective Worship with their children.

- We have tea and coffee in the church crypt afterwards

Christian Values

- Collective Worship follows a two-yearly cycle of values which enables the pupils to really understand the value and how that value can be applied in their own lives.
- Pupils are given opportunities to learn, respond and reflect in classes and as a whole school. The values are also communicated to the whole school community so they can respond to the value.
- Our values come from the Roots and Fruits scheme for Collective Worship and are linked to events in the liturgical year
- Staff use resources that support the delivery of the values in Collective Worship – PPTs, bibles, artefacts for example

Cycle 1

Autumn		Spring		Summer	
1	2	1	2	1	2
Generosity	Compassion	Courage	Forgiveness	Friendship	Respect

Cycle 2

Autumn		Spring		Summer	
1	2	1	2	1	2
Thankfulness	Trust	Perseverance	Justice	Service	Truth

Monitoring

- The monitoring of Collective Worship is done via a combination of observations, listening to learners and learning walks. These monitoring exercises are carried out by the Headteacher, governors, Bishop's Visitor and pupils.
- "In the moment" monitoring of Collective Worship by class teachers is done through evaluative and challenging questions and moments of reflection.

Right to Withdraw

- The voluntary nature of collective worship means that parents have right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship.
- Such requests must be put in writing to the Headteacher
- The school will provide suitable alternative arrangements for those pupils who are withdrawn.

This policy is available on the school website, and in translation, on request.