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EAST MORTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

East Morton Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School Policy for Collective Worship

School Vision:

All are inspired to achieve their full potential in our loving community of life-long learners, where:

- Everyone is valued;
- Every chance is provided for all to flourish in the security of God's love; and
- Every day brings the enjoyment of life in all its fullness.

School Values

At East Morton, 'Love' is our core value and it is from love which all of our six key values flow:

- Hope
- Peace
- Generosity
- Community
- Wisdom
- Justice

Collective Worship is central to the life of our school. Worshipping together each day which **nourishes a sense of community** and emphasises our **sense of Christian fellowship**. Our daily acts of worship are **engaging, invitational and inclusive** because we have fostered an environment that welcomes diversity, encourages participation, and **nurtures spirituality**.

Organisation of Collective Worship

The Staff and Governors of East Morton Church of England Primary School, in accordance with our Trust Deed and with the statutory requirements of the Church of England Education Office, place Collective Worship at the heart of our school's daily life. It is a time when all come together to share Christian values and experiences in our everyday lives and to develop the spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding of our staff and pupils.

Worship is organised on a whole school, key stage and class-based basis and is led by different members of the teaching staff, a range of visiting speakers and also the pupils in school. This enables us to provide an exciting and varied approach towards our collective worship and greatly enhances the school's Christian character.

The whole school attends St Luke's Church at least once each term to worship and to reinforce our Church foundation.

The Collective Worship Leader produces a half termly plan for collective worship, which includes the themes to be developed, the visiting speakers and the members of staff responsible for leading Collective Worship.

The weekly Collective Worship timetable is usually organised as follows:

	Main feature of worship	Worship usually led by
Monday	Liturgically based	Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher With Worship Council
Tuesday	Class based worship (linked to the liturgical theme of Monday's worship)	Class teachers and pupils within each class
Wednesday	Visiting speaker – Christian Value based	Visitors
Thursday	Key Stage Worship Value focus	Class teachers
Friday	Songs of Praise	Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher

The Nature of Collective Worship at our School

Communal and Personal Reflection

Collective Worship at our school is a time when staff and children meet together and have the opportunity to reflect on the non-material dimensions of our lives together in the school community and as individuals. It is not regarded simply as a time to exchange information or deal with organisational issues. All staff (including office staff) are encouraged to attend Monday's Worship; staff representatives attend on other days.

Praise and prayer

We give children the opportunity to develop spiritually in the gathering together for daily Worship to praise the awe and wonder of God and the beauty of the world God has created; to pray together, to learn about the teachings of both the Old and New Testament with particular emphasis on the teachings of Jesus and Anglican traditions.

Life Application

Children are given opportunity to consider what is important in our lives, about beliefs and values, and application of their beliefs to practical situations in their lives. They are taught to understand and respect the beliefs of other cultures and religions.

Family Community

Through our daily Worship we aim to bring an awareness of what it means to be part of a community which cares for each other, for God and for the environment. In so doing we hope that pupils will develop the ability to explore issues for themselves, be able to reflect upon and learn from experiences and develop a sense of awe and wonder about the wider world whilst understanding their role and responsibilities to their local community.

Structure:

A consistent structure for worship is used in whole school, key stage and class-based worship which provides opportunities for prayer, stillness and reflection. Worship in school features aspects such as the use of candles, liturgical colours, traditional introductory sentences to open worship / introduce the bible reading and use of the peace.

Equal Opportunities

Staff and Governors are committed to ensuring that opportunities for worship are relevant to all pupils and pay due regard to their ages, abilities and interests. We aim to recognise the equality of each child in God's sight, whatever the child's gender, race, physical or mental ability. Pupils currently take part in collective worship and have opportunities to lead worship, however each parent has the right to withdraw their child for religious reasons.

Planning

Collective Worship planning is outlined within the half-termly and includes several features:

- Liturgical theme
- Liturgical colours
- Focus Christian Value
- Bible references
- Suggested non-biblical texts
- Adult responsible for Worship each day

Monitoring and Evaluation

Strategies staff currently use for assessing the outcomes of collective worship include:

- observation of children's reaction and participation during worship
- feedback from children in class – pupil voice interviews
- Worship Council's evaluation
- observation by Governors
- observations of the quality of worship by the Collective Worship Leader

Support from our local Anglican Church

St Luke's Church is actively supportive of worship in school. Members of clergy are regular contributors to worship in school through the Wednesday visitor rota, where they lead the first worship of each half term. In addition to this, the parish 'Open the Book' team lead worship regularly.

Clergy from St Luke's also lead regular worship for the children in church, not only for major services such as Christmas and Easter, but also for other important Christian festivals and significant dates such as Harvest and Candlemas. Clergy from St Luke's are also involved in the monitoring of Collective Worship through attendance at our termly Governor Open Mornings and through the completion of pupil interviews.

Review

This policy has been written following the updated Collective Worship guidance issued by the Diocese of Leeds and will be reviewed by the Collective Worship Leader and the Governing Body in November 2026.

Headteacher:



Governor Approval:



Date:

November 2023