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1.0 Legal Requirements [1]

The law states that collective worship must be provided daily for all pupils except those withdrawn by parents. It may take place at any time of the school day and be a single gathering for all pupils or separate Collective Worship for smaller groups.

2.0 Worship at Cam Hopton School

Arrangements for worship in voluntary aided church schools are made by the governing body after consultation with the Head Teacher. Cam Hopton is a Church of England school and our Trust Deed states that worship should be consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England. In order to meet this requirement the school follows the advice given in 'Denominational Inspections Handbook for Church of England Schools', published by the Diocese of Gloucester.

These requirements can only be met through the involvement of the Vicar of St George's church and the commitment of the teaching staff.

3.0 Aims of Worship

At Cam Hopton we consider the aims of worship to be: -

- to help children to develop an awareness of the presence of God in everyday life.
- to provide time and opportunity for prayer in which to express our praise and thanksgiving to God.
- to bring before God in prayer personal needs and the needs of others.
- to lead children to the 'threshold of worship'.
- to encourage a reflective approach to life.
- to make pupils aware of life's mysteries
- to help children to develop the common standards, attitudes and values which are fundamental to the Christian faith and on which the school ethos is based.

4.0 Pattern of Worship

We set out to create sufficient variety in the pattern of worship to ensure a sense of enjoyment and involvement, to provide for the needs of varying age groups and to encourage participation by the pupils. Consequently we believe there should be flexibility in the grouping of the children, the timing, the content and the format of worship.

The pattern of worship at Cam Hopton School has emerged through discussions involving the staff and the Vicar.

The whole school takes part in four acts of worship each week in the school hall. On

On Wednesdays the act of worship is led through “Open the Book”. Once a week Worship is class based and Open the Book is conducted by members of St George’s Church.

We also hold acts of worship to which parents and governors are invited. They are: -

- Class-Led Worship - each class leads our worship once a year.
- Major Festivals - services held in church for Harvest, Advent, Christmas and Easter.
- A Leavers’ Service - is held in St George’s Church on the last day of the Academic Year.

5.0 Presentation of Worship

A range of people are normally involved in the presentation of worship.

Whole School Worship	- is led by the Head Teacher
Choral Worship	- is led by the RE/CW Leader
Class-Based Worship	- is led by class teachers
Child-Led Worship	- is led by the children and the class teacher.
Church Services	- are led by the Vicar and the Head Teacher with the children taking an active role.

If the Head Teacher is unavailable the Deputy Head/SLT will deputise.

In addition visiting speakers are invited to come and talk to the children about their work or charity as part of our worship.

6.0 Content of Worship

Our worship is based on ‘Values for Life’ which include our 6 Core Values and ‘Roots and Fruits’. It is planned in advance on a termly basis (6 values each year) and the themes reflect a range of ideas through which we explore our dependence on God’s grace.

Values for Life are (core values in bold): Truthfulness, **Creativity**, Compassion, Courage, Friendship, **Generosity**, **Perseverance**, Justice, **Respect**, Service, Thankfulness, **Trust**, **Forgiveness**.

They also include: -

- the church calendar and major festivals
- historical events and famous people
- projects being undertaken by pupils
- school events
- personal qualities
- creation and the natural world
- moral and social issues

school the hymns are sung using a projector rather than hymn books. We have taken part in 2 iSing Pop concerts, from which we use songs.

There is no specific budget for collective worship but when needs are identified, resources are made available.

9.0 Useful Websites

The following sites contain free resources for collective worship in primary schools:

www.natsoc.org.uk

www.assemblies.org.uk

10.0 Arrangements for Withdrawal

The school prospectus states that parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from acts of collective worship and that any wishing to do so should contact the Head Teacher. Should any parent exercise this right, arrangements would be made for the child to work quietly either in their classroom or another suitable area.