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Collective Worship Policy

The Collective Worship Policy at Nether Kellet Primary School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the LA through its SACRE. The Collective Worship Policy of Nether Kellet Primary School is consonant with the philosophy and aims of the school as expressed in the school prospectus.

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Because our school is a community school, we refer to these meetings as assemblies.

Aims of Collective Worship/Assemblies

For the School:

Assemblies contribute significantly to the ethos of our school and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- celebrate achievement and special times
- explore together the world in which we live
- develop a community spirit

For the Pupils:

We also intend that Assemblies contribute to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- reflect on that which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs and thoughts
- develop their own spirituality
- reflect on the direction of their lives
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human

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- consider the wonders and worries of the world

The Contribution of Assemblies to aspects of the Curriculum

Assembly time is distinct from curriculum time. However, in Nether Kellet School, assemblies will at times feature aspects of the curriculum which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. At times, assemblies will enrich classwork through their consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy which informs our practice. To ensure assemblies provide opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it will address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

The Organisation of Collective Worship/Assemblies

Assemblies take place either as a whole school in the hall or in classes in classrooms. Whole school assemblies will usually last for approximately 25 minutes, although it is recognised that this time will be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

An annual schedule of assembly themes is produced which links with RE focuses, PSHE themes and general key days in the calendar which may be linked to specific festivals or cultures but may also be notable days such as Anti-racism day. Attention is paid to a calendar of notable days and religious observances and festivals to inform this schedule. Assemblies are also led by members of a local Christian education organisation and occasionally by other visitors to school linked to an assembly theme or another aspect of the curriculum.

Approaches

A variety of teaching and learning styles and active and interactive methods are appropriate including story-telling, discussion, films, role-play, etc. Attention is given to ensuring that the content and presentation is suitable for all age groups within school so that they can all relate to the key messages at their own level. through reflection and prayer.

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If announcements are to be given at the same time as an act of worship then they will be of a positive nature, which at times may enhance the act of worship itself. Announcements will be made preceding the act of worship and a clearly defined break between them and the act of worship will be made. (A change of personnel, music, a moment of silence etc.)

Children reflect on key messages at the end of the assembly and are invited to pray if they wish linked with the key message. In Christian-based assemblies and assemblies linked to other religions, prayers are shared with the children so that they experience these.

Policy agreed by Board of Governors on [date]

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