

Water Hall Primary School



Collective Act of Worship Policy 2017/19

(Approved by Trustees 18 June 2018)

The Lakes Academies Trust adopt Milton Keynes Council's preferred policy.

The policy will be reviewed every 2 years for updates and school policy changed accordingly.

Next Policy Review Date: Summer 2020

POLICY FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT WATER HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Education Reform Act 1988 states:

“The educational curriculum should promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of the pupils and of society.”

The Education Reform Act 1988 requires that every community school include provision for a daily act of worship at the school.

The right of parents to withdraw their children from the act of collective worship is an integral part of the Education Act (1988). Any parent who wishes to exercise their right may do so in consultation with the Headteacher. Staff employed by the Lakes Academies Trust may also withdraw from acts of collective worship.

DEFINITIONS

Collective worship should reflect something special or separate from ordinary school.

Ideally, the act of worship should encompass all aspects of school life and all areas of the curriculum so that all that take part may feel involved. It both reflects and nurtures the ethos of the school. In particular it develops a feeling of belonging to a community, which is essential for personal development and physical growth.

We hold 2 whole school assemblies per week.

One of these is led by an adult and has storytelling as its theme. Stories are closely linked to the schools values and children are given time for reflection.

One led by children sharing stories from their learning. Children are given a time for reflection.

Mindspace sessions start the day which include a time for reflection and promotes school values. These sessions are key to the school's ethos and allow children time to reflect on their own values and the behaviours associated with those values.

AIMS

Through the daily act of collective worship we aim to:

- Provide an opportunity for thought, prayer, reflection or celebration in a caring atmosphere;
- Create a sense of school identity and of belonging to a school community which shares common experiences;

- Encompass all aspects of school life, all curriculum areas and reflect the school's ethos and values;
- Show children that we are members of a wider community, both local and global;
- Encourage a care and concern for others in society and the natural world;

Visiting speakers are welcomed into assembly regularly.

Records of assembly themes are kept by the head teacher and reviewed termly.