

## **St Martin's Primary School** **Collective Worship Policy**

This collective worship policy follows the guidance of 'Policy and Practice for School Worship' (February 2004) published by the Guernsey Standing Advisory Council of Religious Education.

### **Aims**

The central aims of Collective Worship at this school are:

- to provide our pupils with regular opportunities for stillness, reflection and fellowship with all the members of our school community;
- to celebrate the values and worth of the school; we celebrate the gifts and talents of our pupils;
- to introduce the students to the language, traditions and festivals associated with Christian belief;
- to use visual and oral means of communication in order to promote the pupils' spiritual, moral and cultural development;
- to help pupils develop respect for and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others;
- to support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, story and drama.

### **Objectives**

- to foster a concern for the needs of other people;
- to share successes and disappointments in personal, school and community life;
- to contribute towards the building of a caring, supportive community;
- to provide opportunities for celebration and thanksgiving;
- to foster a sense of awe and wonder.

### **Provision**

Acts of Collective Worship for all pupils are held on a regular basis, bearing in mind the varying ages and special needs of the pupils. The Headteacher is responsible to the Education Council for the organisation and nature of Collective Worship. Reasonable requests from staff who wish to be excused from attending acts of Collective Worship, may be made under section 13 of Guernsey Education Law (1970). Parents have the right to withdraw their children from such acts.

- Acts of Collective Worship are first and foremost for the educational benefit of the pupils. All pupils are entitled to share fully in this experience.
- 'Collective Worship' and 'Corporate Worship' are not the same thing. Corporate Worship is worship offered by a body of people who share a set of religious beliefs or faith. The pupils attending most maintained schools will come from a variety of faith backgrounds or none, in which case, it is not appropriate to offer Corporate as opposed to Collective Worship. Many parents from a secular background, however, are keen for their children to learn religious values, which they see as a basis for life.

In order to promote children's learning, our acts of worship vary in size. Our pattern is set out below, indicating who normally leads each assembly.

<b>Monday</b>	Whole school led by Headteacher/Rev Keirle
<b>Tuesday</b>	Key Stage 1 led by music co-ordinator Key Stage 2 led by Head teacher
<b>Wednesday</b>	Key Stage 1 led by Head of FS Key Stage 2 led by Head of Lower Juniors
<b>Thursday</b>	Key Stage 1 led by Head of Key Stage 1. Key Stage 2 led by music co-ordinator.
<b>Friday</b>	Whole school led by Head teacher/Deputy Head teacher.

Our programme of Collective Worship features appropriate termly themes, topics, Christian festivals and special events (Appendix 1). It is sufficiently flexible, however, to respond to changing situation and needs.

### **Use of Visitors**

The wider community provides St Martin's Primary School with a variety of visiting speakers. Regular visitors include PACE; Reverend Keirle – Rector of St Martin's Parish Church; Reverend Chesworth – Minister of Les Camps Methodist Church and Top Squad of Kings Community Church. Other visitors may be invited to lead assemblies linked to current themes or appropriate issues.

### **Delivery of Collective Worship**

Stimulating and imaginative Acts of Collective Worship are achieved through the use of appropriate:

- poetry/literature/story
- songs/hymns/music
- visual art
- drama
- visual aids/artefacts
- pupils' contributions/interviews
- visitors/staff/clergy

### **Resources**

We are developing a range of resources to support staff in the delivery of assemblies. These will include:

- stories
- music
- artefacts
- ICT resources

**Appendix 1**

**Collective Worship**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Possible Ideas</b>
Autumn	New Beginnings Golden Rules  Books Harvest	Making a fresh start. Assemblies reinforcing the Golden rules, how they can be applied at school and at home. Responsibility. Doing what is right. Sharing Book week Fair Trade in the World Being Thankful.
	Remembering  Light	Link with Remembrance day. Why it is important to remember. Forgiveness Diwali (12 <sup>th</sup> November) People bringing hope/light into others lives. Advent Hanukkah (8 <sup>th</sup> December) John the Baptist Christingle Christmas Story.
Spring	Citizenship	Our community Teamwork Respect for one another Our differences Tolerance Sharing Putting ourselves into 'Other people's shoes' Talents.
	Wonderful World  Easter	Caring for the environment Creation stories Springtime Water Lent The Easter Story
Summer	Feelings	The emotions e.g. fear, jealousy, anger, love, hate, joy
	Friendship  Moving On	Choosing friends Commitment Friends in need World wide friends Getting to the end of a journey - end of the year. Changes - going to a new class/school.