

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Primary School



A Policy for Collective Worship June 2023

Mission Statement

St. Hugh of Lincoln School will nurture, guide, educate and develop all our children on their journey with Jesus.

The Nature of Collective Worship

We believe that Christian Worship in a Catholic school names and celebrates God's presence in our lives. It is concerned with giving glory, honour, praise and thanks to God.

The Place of Collective Worship in the Life of our School

Worship in this school is more than just a legal requirement. It is an integral part of school life and central to Catholic tradition.

Collective worship takes into account the religious and educational needs of all who share in it:

Those who form part of the worshipping community in church
Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of church

Those from other Christian traditions- or none

Those from other faith backgrounds.

It will be an educational activity or experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain.

The Aims of Collective Worship

We believe that Collective Worship in our school aims to provide opportunity for all pupils and staff:

To contemplate something of the mystery of God

To reflect on spiritual and moral issues

To explore their own beliefs
 To respond to and celebrate life
 To experience a sense of belonging and develop community spirit
 To develop a common ethos and shared values
 To enrich religious experience
 To grow in liturgical understanding and development
 To reinforce prayers which are part of the Catholic tradition
 To reinforce positive attitudes
 To participate fully
 To take time out 'to wonder at', 'to come to terms with' and 'to give worth to'.

Principles

All Acts of Worship in this school will:

Give glory and honour to God.

Be a quality activity, fundamental to the life of the school and its Catholic character.

Develop in pupils skills that enable them to prepare , organise and lead worship rather than always participating or contributing in a token way. (prayer leaders).

Give pupils positive liturgical experiences appropriate to age, aptitude and family backgrounds.

Allow children to take ownership of class liturgies allowing them to express themselves through prayer and meditation.

Collective Worship is organised in our school as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prayers (whole school): 9.00am based on Sunday scripture or other relevant liturgical theme. Led by SLT or RE lead	Hymn Practice 11.40-12.00 KS1 12-12.25 - KS2 EYFS in class at chosen time	Class Liturgy Led by teacher 9.00am or 1/1.30 if ppa (Use Sunday's Gospel and Mark 10 Mission)	Child led liturgy 1pm EYFS and ks1 1.30 ks2 (prayer leaders or class children). Prayer Leaders will be supported by Mrs Hampton and Mrs Evans	Good news assembly Led by Head teachers (1.30PM)

Voluntary Worship and Retreats:

Y6 are taken to the Marist Centre every year.

Children happily volunteer to take part in all Key Stages, adult led liturgies.

Resources:

A variety of RE resources are available in a central location in the staff room. Each class has appropriately coloured cloth to use for collective worship. Each class has a liturgy box with various resources for child led liturgy.