



# Cameley Church of England Primary School

## Collective Worship Policy

This policy is written with reference to the Christian Foundation of the school.

*'Nurturing Faith: Inspiring Learning'*

*Our vision has been inspired by Matthew 17:20*

*"Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise."*

*Colossians 3:16*

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The Church of England vision for education is educating our children for 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). This is reflected in our school vision inspired by Matthew (17:20) 'Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise.' (Colossians 3:16)

Collective Worship at Cameley School adheres to Diocese guidance and meets expectations of the SIAMS Inspection Schedule. We also ensure that we refer to our school policies to inform our planning and delivery of Collective Worship. These include Teaching and Learning, Religious Education (RE), Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE), Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Equal Opportunities.

### What is Collective Worship?

Collective Worship holds an important and unique place here at Cameley Primary School. It provides an opportunity for all members of the school to pause from activity, to gather, to remind themselves of and to reflect upon the beliefs and values which bind our school community together. This enables all children, no matter what their religious background may be, time to reflect deeply on important issues beyond the local community, a chance to appreciate the important values that we share as a school, as well as an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school.

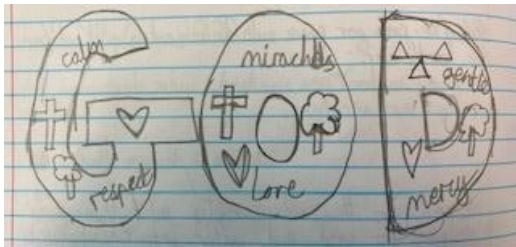
At Cameley, we aim to plan and deliver acts of worship that are invitational, reflective and engaging. During Collective Worship, we provide opportunities where children are able to:

- *reaffirm, interpret and put into practice the Christian values of the school;*
- *consider spiritual and moral issues;*
- *explore their own beliefs and cultures and empathize with those of others;*
- *actively participate and respond in worship;*
- *consider the importance of prayer and reflection;*
- *think about the needs of others and to develop a sense of community spirit;*



- *be active and involved members of our community;*
- *consider global issues which impact on our lives, for example, environmental issues.*

Collective Worship is planned and based around our core Christian values- Generosity, Compassion, Courage, Forgiveness, Friendship and Respect, Justice, Perseverance, Service, Thankfulness, Trust, Truthfulness over a two-year cycle (six per year).



Often the themes of our worship reflect and build on topics that we teach as part of the school curriculum, particularly PSHE. As well as using our core Christian Values to inform our Collective Worship planning, we also use a resource called 'Picture News' as our focus/theme. Each week, in class, we explore a

current news story, which provides opportunities for children to learn from our world and develop respect for others' beliefs, feelings and faiths. Using Picture News delivered in a way that is age appropriate and accessible to all, provides many opportunities for children to broaden their understanding of real-life concepts, often relating to issues the children care about. Following on from class worship, all children are encouraged to display their thoughts and reflections on our 'Picture News' display in the school hall. This provides an opportunity for children to not only share their feelings towards a topic, but to read and reflect on what could be much differing views to their own.

### **Withdrawal from Collective Worship**

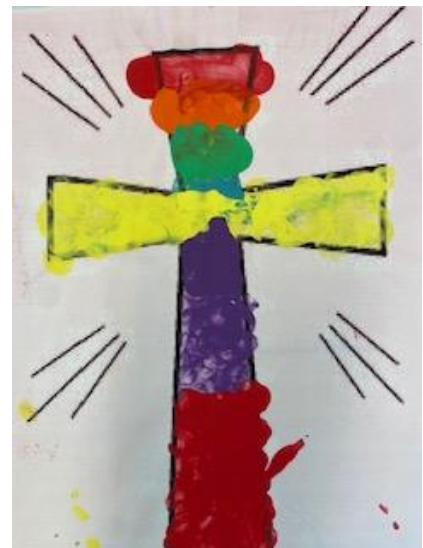
Here at Cameley, we are passionate about enabling all children to feel included no matter what their religious background. During times of worship, we offer the opportunity, without compulsion, to all pupils and adults to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection. We expect all children and teachers to participate in Collective Worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused by requesting this, in writing, to the Headteacher. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

### **Structure of Collective Worship**

At Cameley, our class Collective Worship is structured in the same way as our whole school family meeting together for worship. To begin our Collective Worship, we light a candle and

say together our welcome liturgy, "Let the peace of the Lord be with you," to which the children are invited to reply, "And also with you." This is usually carried out by our school leaders or Headteacher during whole school assemblies, or class teachers during Classroom Worship. We then teach, read/discuss a story from the Bible relating to our Christian value for the term. This is followed by an opportunity for a creative response either through drama, talk, or activity, which will engage and inspire the pupils to think deeply about the theme. Towards the end of worship, we offer the children a time to reflect on the discussion, opinions or issues that have been raised. The children are invited to reflect on the message in silence for a few minutes. During the whole school Collective Worship, a chosen hymn is also sung. Finally, to end Collective Worship, children are invited to either say or sing the Lord's prayer, or say our Cameley School prayer written by the Year 6 pupils.

During Collective Worship in class, music and a range of techniques are used to help create a reflective atmosphere. Each classroom contains a 'Collective Worship' box, which holds a candle, discussion cards and a range of artefacts or natural objects to engage and focus children in their act of worship. We always invite children to reflect in an appropriate way by respecting each other and sitting quietly in order to concentrate on their own thoughts and beliefs. At the end of worship, a prayer will be shared- this could be written and/or read by pupils. Children are invited to put their hands together, close their eyes or just be still during the prayer.



### **Who leads Collective Worship?**

We have a Children's Collective Worship Committee (CCWC) who meet regularly with Mrs Griffin (RE Lead) as well as Miss Maggs (Headteacher) to review Collective Worship in school. These pupils, as well as members of staff and visitors, lead worship here at Cameley, aiming to contribute towards the spiritual, moral and cultural development of those taking part.

We regularly invite Angela Fraser (Deanery worker employed by Cameley) and local minister John Miles to lead Collective Worship.

As a Christian school, many of our celebrations/services also take place in our local church, St Barnabas. We take the themes of our worship from the traditions of the Christian faith

and we often reflect on the festivals and events of the Christian calendar. Our Harvest Service, Christmas Nativity, Christingle and Easter Service will take place in church. Parents, carers, family members and members of the community are invited to our services held in church.



### When does Collective Worship take place?

In line with the Department for Education (DfE) statutory requirements, we hold a daily act of worship in our school which alternates between the whole school family meeting together and class based Collective Worship.

At the end of each week, our whole school worship reflects the achievements and learning of the children. Not only do we encourage the children to participate in worship by raising issues that they have discussed in their classes, but we also use it as a time to celebrate the achievements and success both in and out of school.

Please see below a timetable of our daily Collective Worship sessions.

Monday	Class Collective Worship	'Picture News' used as a focus in class Collective Worship
Tuesday	Whole school assembly	Angela Fraser (Deanery)
Wednesday	Class Collective Worship	Follow up discussion/activity from whole school assembly
Thursday	Whole School Worship <i>Choral Praise</i>	Whole school choral praise and Collective Worship led by Headteacher, members of staff, school vision leaders or guest visitor.
Friday	Whole School Commendation Assembly	Led by the Headteacher - includes a celebration of

		birthdays and outside achievements
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### **Monitoring and Reviewing Collective Worship**

Collective Worship is monitored and reviewed throughout the year by Miss Maggs (Headteacher) and Mrs Griffin (RE Lead). This may take place as a learning walk, pupil conferencing and meeting with the Governing Body and the Children's Collective Worship Committee (CCWC) once a term. During these meetings discussions will be held about how Collective Worship is delivered and received, and if any improvements can be made.