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We aim to SPARKLE!

Our Christian Vision is that- Everyone sparkles.

Grange view welcomes everyone to flourish and thrive. We are lifelong learners that strive to achieve our God given potential.

So don't hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others.

Matthew 5:16 The Passion Translation of the bible

Our Ethos

The children are living a Christian life where they aim to sparkle, thinking about our core Christian Values; Love, Friendship, Trust, Forgiveness, Respect and Wisdom

Our Aims

- To provide a stimulating and secure environment, inclusive of children from all faiths and cultures.
- To provide an engaging, meaningful and relevant curriculum that equips all learners with the necessary skills for their educational journey.
- To value all individuals and support them to reach full potential and create an atmosphere of equal opportunity where expectations are high.
- To grow caring citizens who value the world we live in and celebrate moments of awe and wonder.
- To offer opportunities for collective reflections and inspire spiritual development that shape daily lives.
- To help the children to form values which will allow them to make moral choices throughout their lives, not just during their school years.
- To work in partnership between home, school, church and the wider community.



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Collective Worship Policy

April 2020

Rationale

Collective Worship at Grange View C.E. School takes place daily in accordance with the provisions of the Education Reform Act, 1988.

“Recognising its Christian foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the church at parish and diocesan level.

The school aims to serve the community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian Belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.”

This is with the understanding that the school serves the local community of Widdrington, children of all faiths and none.

Aims

We aim to provide collective worship that provides pupils with the opportunity to:

- worship that which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues
- explore their own beliefs
- develop their spirituality
- develop a community spirit
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- promote a common ethos and shared values
- develop respect and sensitivity for the beliefs and values of others

Definition of Collective Worship

Collective worship is the time set aside from other aspects of school life when pupils are given the opportunity to learn about and reflect on a variety of issues which may evoke in them a worshipful or spiritual response.

The contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the curriculum

Collective worship can contribute to the SMSC development of pupils through:

- reflection on their own beliefs and values and the beliefs and values of others
- influencing behaviour
- celebrating together
- the celebration of their own religious and cultural traditions and the religious and cultural traditions of others
- Providing different perspectives on aspects of life, promoting thinking skills and understanding, and encouraging further research.

Management of Acts of Collective Worship

Management of collective worship will take place through the worship team comprising of the collective worship co-ordinator/ the Headteacher, and staff members.

Organisation

Collective worship is organised for a variety of groupings (e.g. classes, year groups, key stage groups, whole school) and will take place in the school hall, in classrooms or in other suitable areas of the school.

Collective worship takes place on a daily basis for all year groups either as a whole school, a year group or a class group.

Acts of collective worship will usually last fifteen minutes, although it is recognised that the time might be extended or reduced, as appropriate.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

All acts of collective worship will be carefully planned to take into account the needs, ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of the pupils. A termly Rota of Collective Worship Themes will be drawn up with a different theme each week by the collective worship lead. Themes for worship are distributed in advance to staff and visitors. The schedule/rota will include religious festivals and events of a national or international nature, but will be flexible enough to accommodate topical issues suggested by the children and current

affairs. The schedule/rota will indicate who within the school will deliver each act of collective worship and include opportunities for collective worship to be led by visiting speakers.

Planning and overviews can be found in the Collective Worship folder in the school hall.

Withdrawal of pupils from collective worship

In accordance with legal requirements, parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of collective worship. Parents should make their wishes known to the Headteacher in the form of a written statement, and will then ensure that any pupils who are withdrawn are appropriately supervised while the act of collective worship takes place.

Resources

Staff use the internet and specialist websites to help aid the planning process. We use songs from both the internet and the school collection. We also have access to the Diocesan Resource Centre collection.

Monitoring and evaluation of Acts of Collective Worship

Regular monitoring and evaluation of acts of collective worship will be undertaken by the Head teacher and collective worship lead.

The Head teacher and/or collective worship lead will ask for regular verbal and written comments from pupils, staff and visitors.

- The views of pupils and staff will be sought and collated on a termly basis to help enhance the delivery of collective worship and to improve the collective worship schedule/rota.
- Visitors will be asked for feedback on their experience of delivering collective worship in school.

The Head teacher will ensure that the acts of collective worship fulfil the legal requirements and maintain the spirit of the law. In particular, collective worship will:

- be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character while ensuring that other world religions are considered and valued
- contribute to the SMSC development of all pupils
- draw on all areas of the curriculum as well as contribute to the curriculum.

Date: May 2020

Signed: _____

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