

Rucstall Primary School Collective Worship Policy



Rucstall Primary School is a learning community where every child is nurtured as an individual, and where hard work and perseverance is valued. Within a culture of caring and celebration, we support our children to develop a love of learning and challenge, with the skills, understanding and resourcefulness to achieve their potential.

Our collective worship provision, along with our curriculum, broader experience package we strive to create an intrinsically Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) learning environment, which is underpinned by our school values of Celebration, Co-operation, Creativity, Equality, Honesty, Perseverance and Respectfulness. Within our Collective Worship, we aim to promote and an understanding of the British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Tolerance of Different Cultures, Religions, Mutual Respect and Individual Liberty.

All maintained schools have a legal obligation to provide daily collective worship and Religious Education.

At Rucstall Primary School, we perceive the purpose of collective worship to be an opportunity to:

- Reflect on religious beliefs and discuss religion
- Reflect on values which are of a broadly Christian nature
- Develop a community spirit and a sense of morality
- Discuss wider issues of a spiritual, moral, social and cultural nature
- Allow children time for reflective, quiet time
- To encourage, explain and support the school's values and British values
- Encourage 'Pupil Voice' and respect for others' ideas and beliefs
- Welcome people from our wider community to share their experiences and beliefs

At Rucstall Primary School we:

- Provide daily collective worship opportunities for all children; this may take the form of class or whole school assemblies through a range of themes
- The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and other members of the teaching staff are given opportunities to lead acts of worship
- A carefully prepared programme, encompassing appropriate themes (including Rucstall Values, British Values and SMSC), is planned for each half term
- Each week this covers:

Form of Collective Worship	How	Who
Values Based	Whole School	Led by Headteacher /Deputy Headteacher
Picture News, topical themed/discussion	Class based	Led by class teacher in class
Singing Appreciation of "Song of the Week"	Whole School	Led by Music Lead or Assistant Headteacher

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Values and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural based Collective Worship with reflection	Whole School	Led by member of staff/Senior Leadership Team
Celebration of children who have demonstrated our school values through learning and actions. Children are nominated by members of the school staff and received a certificate and their name is added to our Celebration tree.	Whole School	Led by Headteacher /Deputy Headteacher

- Ensure collective worship is of a broadly Christian nature, but also allow other faiths and cultures to be shared, discussed celebrated and included to reflect both the school and British society
- Provide weekly singing assemblies which, echo our school and British Values, also support the school's music curriculum and promote community spirit
- Support the PSHE/RSE curriculum by including themes such as self-regulation, anti-bullying within acts of worship
- Welcome members from a local church to lead the "Open the book" programme to introduce children to Christian teachings through drama and stories
- Ensure parents understand that they may request for their child to be removed from any act of collective worship
- Invite parents to attend collective worship during themed weeks or open mornings
- Invite governors to attend collective worship

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