

ICKWORTH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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COMMITTEE TO APPROVE	Local Governing Body
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Headteacher

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Every child is known.

Every child is valued.

Every child belongs.

Philosophy of Collective Worship

At Ickworth Park Primary School, we see collective worship as an opportunity for our school community to come together, to reflect and to make sense of the world around us.

Our collective worship provides a space where children and adults of all faiths and none can explore important questions, consider different perspectives and reflect on the values that help us live well together. We believe this time should encourage curiosity, empathy, respect and understanding.

Collective worship contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our pupils. It provides opportunities to celebrate achievements, recognise important events in our community and wider world, explore key values and develop a sense of belonging.

Whilst our practice reflects the broadly Christian heritage of the United Kingdom and includes Christian stories, festivals and traditions, we also recognise and celebrate the richness and diversity of beliefs, cultures and experiences within modern Britain and our wider global community.

At Ickworth Park Primary School, collective worship is not about telling children what to believe. Instead, it is about creating opportunities to think, reflect, celebrate, question and learn together.

Through collective worship, we seek to ensure that every child is known, every child is valued and every child belongs.

Legal Framework

In accordance with current legislation, the school provides a daily act of collective worship for all pupils.

Collective worship is broadly Christian in nature whilst remaining inclusive and respectful of the range of beliefs represented within our school community.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. Any parent wishing to exercise this right should contact the Executive Headteacher. Appropriate alternative arrangements will be made for pupils who are withdrawn.

Staff may also exercise their legal right to withdraw from leading or participating in collective worship.

Aims of Collective Worship

Through collective worship we aim to:

- ⊗ Ensure that every child feels known, valued and included within our school community.
- ⊗ Develop a strong sense of belonging and shared responsibility.
- ⊗ Promote the school's values and ethos.
- ⊗ Provide opportunities for quiet reflection and personal growth.
- ⊗ Encourage children to consider moral, ethical and philosophical questions.
- ⊗ Develop understanding, respect and tolerance for different beliefs, cultures and traditions.
- ⊗ Celebrate individual and collective achievement.
- ⊗ Mark important events within the school, local community, national life and wider world.
- ⊗ Support pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- ⊗ Provide opportunities for children to experience awe, wonder, gratitude and reflection.

Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective worship takes place daily and may be delivered through whole-school assemblies, key stage assemblies, class-based assemblies, singing assemblies or celebration assemblies.

Collective worship at Ickworth Park Primary School is led by a range of adults and pupils, including:

- ⊗ The Headteacher
- ⊗ School staff
- ⊗ Pupil leadership groups
- ⊗ Visitors and community representatives
- ⊗ Local church representatives where appropriate

Themes are planned across each half term and are linked to:

- ⊗ School values
- ⊗ Personal development and wellbeing
- ⊗ National and international awareness days
- ⊗ Religious festivals and traditions
- ⊗ Community events
- ⊗ British values
- ⊗ Current affairs and events where appropriate

Friday celebration assemblies recognise pupils' achievements both within and beyond school and reinforce the school's values and ethos.