



Cranborne Middle School

Collective Worship Policy

Aim

At Cranborne Middle School we recognise that Collective Worship is an important opportunity through which to develop our student's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural learning.

Action to meet this Aim

- Contribute to the Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of each of our students regardless of gender, ethnicity or beliefs
- Give expression to, reaffirm and practice the values of the school community
- Allow reflection and response to the fundamental questions of life and those things that are of concern and value to human beings
- Celebrate and give thanks for the achievements within the school, local and international communities and occasions of significance, including festivals.
- Foster and enable a concern for the needs of others and a recognition of the vulnerability of self and of others
- Provide members of the school community who wish to do so with the opportunity to praise and reach out to a god.
- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity to experience stillness and quiet
- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity to respond to the language and symbolism of faith.
- If requested, provide members of the school community with the opportunity to experience a variety of forms of prayer and meditation.
- One lesson in year 6 on meditation
- To help students to begin to understand the nature and purpose of spirituality
- Provide a foundation for a mature understanding and practice of worship in the future.

Legal Status of Collective Worship

The 1988 Education Reform Act requires that 'all pupils in attendance at a maintained school shall on each day take part in an act of Collective Worship'. This school accepts the desirability of this legislation and seeks to do our best to keep the spirit of this legislation seeking to provide as many high quality acts of worship as is practically possible.

To provide students with variety of experience of worship they may take the form of a whole school act of worship for all pupils or separate acts of worship for students in different age groups or school groups. Collective Worship may be held at any time during the school day.

The responsibility for arranging school worship in our school rests with the Teaching Staff

Acts of Collective Worship at Cranborne Middle School are of a broadly Christian nature. The school takes into account the student's ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds as well as circular 1/94..

Rights of Withdrawal

At Cranborne Middle School we seek to be an inclusive community however we respect the right of parents to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. This school expects that such withdrawal will only be made following parental discussion with the Headteacher and that written confirmation of withdrawal will be required from the Parents..

The school has a system of suitable supervision for students withdrawn from Acts of Collective Worship. However, no additional work is set or followed in this time.

The right to withdraw is also extended to Staff.

Planning, Recording and Evaluation

Themes for collective worship are set out. This theme will be re-enforced in tutor time.

This pattern is flexible and on occasions it is recognised that worship leaders may feel that they need to respond to school, local or national events.