



Collective Worship Policy

1. Mission Statement

Tweseldown Infant School provides a caring, secure and stimulating environment in which the individual needs of each child are recognised and developed. We provide challenging learning experiences that encourage high expectations ensuring every child succeeds and reaches their full potential

2. Statutory Duty of School

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents – see below). This is usually provided with a daily assembly.

The Head Teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the Governing Body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils.

3. Aims

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider social, moral spiritual and cultural
- respond to the worship offered

We protect all our children from the risk of radicalisation by:

- Challenging extremist views and behaviour through discussions, circle times, assemblies and school council meetings
- Being aware of any vulnerable children and following the correct procedures of support if any concerns are raised.

At Tweseldown Infant School we believe that Collective Worship should help children to:-

- Develop a sense of Awe and Wonder
- Develop self-awareness
- Recognise the worth of each individual and develop a sense of community
- Express their feelings and thoughts in a variety of different ways
- Develop empathy with others
- Develop their spirituality

We achieve this by:-

- Planning imaginative and inspiring acts of worship which explore moral, emotional and spiritual issues
- Involving children in the act of Worship whenever possible
- Inviting a range of staff and visitors to lead or attend Collective Worship
- Providing a calm and reflective atmosphere

- Celebrating the achievements of individuals and groups within the school
- Recognising and valuing the different ways in which people celebrate special moments in life

4. The right of parents to withdraw their child

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from collective worship. If a parent asks for their child to be wholly or partly excused from attending any collective worship, Tweseldown Infant School must comply unless the request is withdrawn. Tweseldown Infant School remains responsible for the supervision of any child withdrawn from collective worship.

Parents do not need to explain their reasons for seeking withdrawal. However, the DfES recommends that to avoid misunderstanding, a Head teacher may wish to clarify with any parent wanting to withdraw:

- The religious issues about which the parent would object their child being taught
- The practical implications of withdrawal
- The circumstances in which it would be reasonable to accommodate parents' wishes
- If a parent will require any advanced notice of such issue in the future and if so, how much

Date of Latest Review: **21st March 2017**

Date Ratified by Governing Board: **March 2017**

Signed by Chair of Governors:

Signed by Head Teacher:

Next review date: **2020 (every 3 years)**

Member of staff responsible: **Headteacher**

Governing Board or Governor(s)/Committee(s) responsible: **Governing Board**

The plan is also available in the following formats, on request to the Head Teacher:
e-mail; enlarged print version

Linked Policies

SMSC

Single Equality Policy