

CHALFORD HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collective Worship Statement

Reviewed: June 2024
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At Chalford Hill we believe that Collective Worship plays an important role in the life of our school, reflecting and nurturing our ethos and values. It also aids in the development of our school community and encourages a sense of belonging, essential for personal development and spiritual growth. At Chalford Hill we aim to conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive and inclusive to ensure that all children and staff feel comfortable to attend.

Collective Worship is seen as an educational activity which encompasses all aspects of school life and areas of the curriculum with aim of enabling every member of staff and pupil to feel involved. It will reflect notable dates and events within the year representing different belief systems and cultural events.

We recognise that in asking our children to worship, we need to consider the spiritual, religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds of our children. As a Community school, it is not our practice to preach to or convert the children. However, it is worth noting that The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 defines that collective worship in English schools should be 'broadly Christian' and 'not be distinctive of any particular Christian denomination'.

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. Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child(ren) from all or parts of collective worship. Any parent who wishes to exercise this right should consult the headteacher. Teachers may also withdraw from collective worship. It is not the head teacher's responsibility to organise alternative worship, but children who are withdrawn will of course be supervised.