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Collective Worship Policy

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Overview

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to interact and reflect through engaging, relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. At Gomer Junior the school is sensitive to the fact that some of our pupils are from religious backgrounds and various faiths are represented in the school.

Aims of Collective Worship

For the School:

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos at Gomer Junior School and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- celebrate achievement and special times
- explore together the world in which we live
- develop a community spirit

For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- a time of reflection which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own belief
- develop their own spirituality
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human and how to contribute to society

The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, in our school, Collective Worship will at times feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. At times, Collective Worship will enrich class work through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy which informs our practice. To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural

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development it should address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to ‘respond’ on their own level.

The Organisation of Collective Worship

The Senior Leadership Team and representatives of each year group manage Collective Worship. Collective Worship is organised to provide a variety of groupings and will take place in the school hall or the classroom. Every member of the school teaching staff and occasional visitors will be involved in leading acts of Collective Worship at some point in the school year. The content of all acts of Collective Worship will be considered carefully, to ensure relevance and suitability for the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of all pupils.

Withdrawal

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act or acts of Collective Worship may request that their child is withdrawn. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with the Associate Head Teacher. Any pupil who is withdrawn from an act or acts of Collective Worship will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The School will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.