

Collective Worship Policy

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

At Noremarsch Junior School we are committed to equal opportunities for all. We will ensure equal access to the curriculum by providing learning opportunities for every pupil, regardless of their ability level, race, cultural background, gender and social circumstances.

Signed: Chair of Governors

Dated: Noremarsch Junior School

Aims of Collective Worship

At Noremarsch Junior School we believe that Collective Worship should:

- Give expression to, reaffirm and practise the values of the school community;
- Strengthen and support the school community and individual members;
- Provide an experience that promotes the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of pupils;
- Introduce children to the concept of worship;
- Provide an opportunity for personal and shared reflection and response to the fundamental questions of life and those things that are of eternal concern and value to human beings;
- Be of a broadly Christian nature;
- Celebrate and give thanks for achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals; ☐ Foster a respect for self as well as a concern for others.

In particular the following school aims in the Learning and Teaching Policy are fulfilled/achieved through the act of Collective Worship. Pupils will:

- Have their awareness of moral and spiritual values continually raised;
- Be encouraged to have understanding, tolerance and respect for the needs of others that can be shown through thoughts and deeds;
- Develop an increasing appreciation and concern for their immediate and the wider environment;
- Have their ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds taken into consideration.

Legal Framework – School Standards and Framework Act 1998

- Responsibility for arranging school worship in community schools rests with the headteacher after consultation with the governing body;
- All pupils should take part in a daily act of Collective Worship (unless withdrawn due to specific requests from parents).
- Parents have a right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. At Noremarsch withdrawal will only be made following parental discussions with the headteacher followed by written confirmation of withdrawal.



- An adult will supervise children who are withdrawn from Collective Worship at the request of their parents. (No additional work is set or followed in this time).
- All teachers, including the headteacher, have the right to withdraw from the Act of Collective Worship, but the headteacher maintains statutory accountability.
- Collective Worship may be held at any time during the school day, either on or off the school premises, e.g. Christingle service at St. Bartholomew's Church.

Visitors are invited to take assembly, representing organisations such as charities and local Churches.