

FORDEN CHURCH IN WALES SCHOOL  
YSGOL FFORDUN

Happy Children, Healthy Minds  
Plant hapus, Ymennydd Iachus



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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### **Aims:**

- To fulfil our obligations in relation to our Trust Deed.
- To provide a daily opportunity for pupils to be involved in a values-based act of collective worship.
- To instil a sense of occasion by preparing a space for worship.
- To give every child a sense of belonging.

### **Objectives:**

- To provide an opportunity to worship.
- To introduce children to the practice of prayer.
- To learn and use the Lord's Prayer, and to write and use their own prayers.
- To learn hymns and other spiritual songs so that they may participate in worship in both English and Welsh.
- To aid the spiritual and moral development of participants in the worship.
- To encourage meaningful thought about pupils' own responsibilities and opportunities.
- To provide opportunities for pupils to read, recite and participate in worship both in English and Welsh.
- To develop and use knowledge and understanding of the cultural, historical, linguistic and environmental characteristics of Wales.

### **Responsibilities of the Teacher responsible for Collective Worship (Mrs Fowler)**

- To plan a cycle of themes which reflect the Church Year, the major Christian festivals, and school values.
- To organise occasional services in St. Michael's Church, Forden.
- To invite visitors, including the present incumbent and Bishop's Visitor, to share in and conduct worship.
- To ensure that adequate resources are available to support the provision.
- To ensure that teachers responsible for class worship provide this in a planned and meaningful way in line with the objectives set out above.
- To ensure worship is planned, delivered and evaluated.

- To make parents aware of the voluntary nature of collective worship and of their right to withdraw their children from daily worship.

## **Organisation**

Whole school collective acts of worship take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Class-based worship takes place on Thursday. Teachers who lead class worship plan their own programme. Worship is designed to last between 12 and 15 minutes, and may include a story or discussion of an issue, verses from or references to the Bible, a prayer including a response, a moment of reflection, a hymn and a blessing.

They are recorded in the Collective Worship files on the staff pages in Hwb.

It is customary for one assembly per half term to be led by the incumbent from Forden, either in school or in church. Other collective worship may be delivered by visitors such as Open the Book team, Mission Area children and families worker, Impact team.

## **Links with the church**

Throughout the year, some of the major Christian festivals are celebrated by classes or the whole school in St Michael's Church, Forden.

## **Equal Opportunities**

Teachers will ensure that every learner has equal access to Collective Worship, in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Policy.

## **REVIEW**

This Policy will be subject to review annually.