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## Crocombe Church of England (V.A.) Primary School Collective Worship Policy

<b>Updated Last by:</b>	<b>Rev. Christine Butler</b>
<b>Date of Last Review:</b>	<b>October 2021</b>
<b>Next Review Due:</b>	<b>October 2023</b>

<b>This policy is monitored by the governing body and will be reviewed every two years or before if necessary.</b>	
<b>Approved and Signed on Behalf of the Governing Body:</b>	<b>Rev. C.J. Butler</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>October 2021</b>



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## 'Let your light shine' (from Matthew 5: 16)

We are a Church of England Primary School and we value our Christian foundation.

Our aim is to ensure each child will have the opportunity to develop their own unique 'light', this aim is underpinned by our Christian Values and Ethos.

### Aims and Purpose of Collective Worship

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- ensure our Collective worship is distinctively Christian following the values and ethos of the school.
- to introduce and affirm those Christian Values *linking them to our wider British values where appropriate.*
- to provide an opportunity for children to worship God and to understand the teaching and person of Jesus.
- to ensure our Children learn about spiritual awareness and the wonder and mystery of our world.
- To celebrate significant times in the Church Calendar.
- To encourage curiosity and open mindedness when exploring life's big questions

### Organisation of Collective Worship

We hold a daily act of worship either as a whole school or in key stages.

Our programme is based on our key Christian values of:

Forgiveness  
Compassion  
Justice  
Community  
Service  
Hope

Worship is normally conducted by the headteacher or other members of staff. It is also led once a fortnight by the local Church of England Priest. Children are encouraged to take an active role in leading worship.

We value our links with St Mary's Church and our Collective Worship is held there on a fortnightly basis (weather permitting).

Themes for worship are taken from the traditions and scriptures of the Christian faith. We observe festivals and events of the Christian calendar. Our source material is taken from *Roots and Shoots* produced by Imaginor and additionally drawing on the liturgical year.



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Celebration assemblies celebrate children's work and achievements across the curriculum. They also provide an opportunity to reward children for their achievements both in and out of school.

The attendance of parents/carers and the wider community is encouraged for some celebration assemblies and acts of worship, in order to promote home/school and the community working together in partnership. The attendance of Governors is always welcome.

Other forms of collective worship include daily prayers at the beginning of the day, before lunch and at the end of the day. These prayers can reflect the daily events, significant events in the children's lives, worldwide current affairs and the church calendar. Each class has a collection of prayers displayed or available that can be used at these times. These prayer/reflection times provide the children with the opportunity to link the teachings of the Christian faith with the social, moral, spiritual, and cultural aspects of their own lives.

### **Right of withdrawal**

We value and respect each other and hope all children will attend collective worship. However, we acknowledge any parent has the right to withdraw their child from collective worship under the 1944 Education Act, and restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for their request. The Headteacher will keep a record of any children who are withdrawn from collective worship.

### **Monitoring and review**

Monitoring the policy and practice of collective worship is the role of a named school governor with support from the RE Coordinator. The named governor liaises with the headteacher before reporting to the governors.

This policy will be reviewed in light of any changes and developments.

**Signed.....Rev. C.J. Butler ..... Federation Governing Body: Ethos Committee**

**Signed.....Mr. William Moore ..... Federation Co-Head Teacher**