Ysgol Gynradd Maes-y-Deri
Oaklands Primary School

Together Everyone Achieves More

Collective Worship Policy

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Rationale

The Education Reform Act 1988 and the Education Act 1993 require that all maintained schools must provide daily collective worship for all registered pupils and must promote spiritual, moral and cultural development.

Worship is a universal human activity, which can be expressed as an ability to celebrate and reflect on things held to be of worth.

Collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character, though not distinctive of any particular Christian Denomination.

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher, in consultation with the Governing Body, to secure daily collective worship.

Parents have the right of withdrawal from collective worship for their children on application to the Governing Body but all are required to be present at any part of a school assembly at which there is no collective worship. The Headteacher will keep a record of all children who withdraw from collective worship.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of collective worship are:

- To provide an opportunity for the children to worship God;
- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- To enable children to explore their own beliefs;
- To encourage participation and response;
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit;
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes;
- To teach children how to worship;
- To develop the power to reflect;
- To develop personal self worth and self-esteem by marking and celebrating special occasions and achievements
- To respond to visitors from the local or wider community who may be invited to lead an assembly

Organisation of Collective Worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school. This forms part of each morning assembly, which is normally a whole school assembly for years R – Year 6, Tuesday to Thursday. Monday and Friday are whole school assemblies, including pre- nursery and nursery. Nursery children take part in a class based period of collective worship Tuesday to Thursday. Occasionally class based assemblies are undertaken, all of which have a period for worship within them.

Assembly time is a period for calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and candles to act as a focal point for the attention of the children.

The headteacher and staff of the school usually conduct assemblies, but sometimes invited guests may conduct them instead e.g. local clergy.

Collective Worship is planned on a termly basis in advance over a two year cycle. The themes are taken from the traditions of the Christian faith, often reflecting events within the Christian calendar. These themes may also reflect and build on topics that are taught as part of the school curriculum e.g. E.S.D.G.C and any world events that may be taking place. The planned themes are included as an appendix to this policy.

Use of the Welsh Language

The use of incidental welsh is an accepted part of our morning worship. Teachers leading the assembly are required to make use of incidental welsh phrases throughout the assembly. The use of Welsh hymns and songs is also encouraged to widen children's cultural heritage throughout the year.

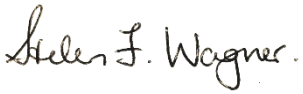
The School Prayer

Collective worship will usually end with the children being invited to listen and reflect upon a prayer that is spoken by the facilitator of the assembly, or to say the Lord's Prayer. They may then also be asked to participate in the school prayer. At lunchtimes all children say a prayer before eating.

School Prayer

O Dad,
Diolch am gadw ni, yn diogel drwy'r nos.
Amen

This policy is reviewed every two years or earlier as required.

Head Teacher: **C Wright**	
Chair of Governors: **H Wagner**	
Date first adopted by Governors	**June 2009, 2011,2013,2015**
Planned review date	**Summer 2018**

APPENDIX 1

Collective Worship occurs every day. On Mondays the Headteacher leads a whole school assembly setting out the SEAL theme for the term. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays a theme is developed through the week, these are led by members of the SMT. On Friday we hold a celebration assembly where the theme is reflected on by the children. During this celebration assembly there will be certificates for Seren yr wythnos, champions, attendance cup for the best class, golden lunchtime awards.

* Depending on term dates and holidays the following weekly timetable is adjusted

AUTUMN TERM

Week	Theme and Resources
1	New Beginnings
2	New Beginnings
3	New Beginnings
4	Harvest
5	Getting on and Falling out
6	Getting on and falling out
7	Getting on and Falling out
8	Getting on and falling out
9	Fireworks – Divali
10	Remembrance Celebrations
11	Say No to bullying
12	Say no to Bullying

13	Christmas Customs
14	Christmas
15	Christmas

SPRING TERM

Week	Theme and Resources
1	Going for goals
2	Going for goals
3	Going for goals
4	Going for goals
5	Chinese New Year / Lent
6	Good to be me
7	St David's Day
8	Good to be me
9	Easter
10	Easter

SUMMER TERM

Week	Theme and Resources
1	Passover
2	Relationships
3	Relationships
4	Relationships
5	Relationships
6	Relationships
7	Changes
8	Changes
9	Changes
10	Changes
11	Sports Day
12	Changes
13	Leavers / Transition