



Colehill First School is a Rights Respecting School. As such it is committed to upholding children's rights and promoting their responsibilities under the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The contents of this policy are fully in keeping with this commitment.

Introduction

At Colehill First we believe that Collective Worship plays a very important role in the life of our school.

We recognise that children come from very diverse backgrounds and Collective Worship is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life. It also supports our curriculum and provides an opportunity for stillness and reflection in what is often a very busy, active day for our children.

Aims

The central aims of Collective Worship at Colehill First are as follows: -

- To foster a sense of fellowship, bringing pupils together.
- To provide our children with opportunities for stillness and reflection.
- To promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- To celebrate the values and worth of the school community and all who belong in it, including the sharing of the gifts and talents of our children.
- To help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others.
- To support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, dance, story and other visual and oral means of communication.
- To facilitate the response of awe and wonder in children.

Legal Requirements

At Colehill First we follow the 1988 Education Act. This states that collective worship must be on a daily basis for all registered pupils. Furthermore, acts of worship "must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character, i.e. reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief".

We have developed a range of themes and topics through which collective worship takes place. Key themes include love, joy, trust, forgiveness, justice and the value of all human life. We believe these themes are clearly Christian in nature but are universal in their application.

We recognise that in our school we have children from a variety of faith backgrounds and that many children have no religious background at all. Great care is taken in our collective worship to ensure that all children feel valued and special.

Collective worship at Colehill First is an inclusive activity. Parents do have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship and need to contact the Headteacher.

Context of Collective Worship

Our pattern for collective worship is set out below: -

- Monday - Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday - “News Bytes” – social, moral and cultural aspects
- Wednesday - Hymn Practice
- Thursday - “Open the Book” (provided by St Michael’s Church via Salisbury Diocese) – Old and New Testament stories through drama
- Friday - Class Assembly; Visitors; Headteacher/Any other member of staff

Visitors/Clergy from other faiths play an important part in the life of our school and regularly contribute to acts of worship.

Conclusion

At Colehill First in Collective Worship we aim to develop in our children the skills of reflection and empathy, to encourage and celebrate their talents and to promote their spiritual and moral development.

Signed:

Position: Chair of Academy Committee

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