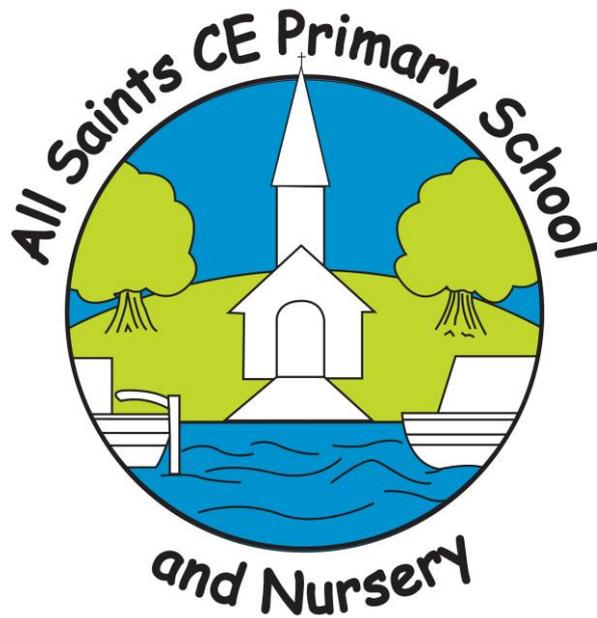


Collective Worship Policy



*'Learning for life,
building a firm foundation'*

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1. School Mission Statement

'Learning for Life - building a firm foundation'.

2. Aims of School Worship

- To celebrate being part of God's world
- To celebrate diversity
- To provide time for silence, stillness and reflection
- To enjoy a variety of forms of Christian worship
- To affirm and reflect Christian values and principles
- To share the Christian story

3. Objectives

- To celebrate the major Christian Festivals in a manner consistent with the Church of England.
- To offer experiences and opportunities which allow children to explore aspects of worship.
- To encourage and promote the development of the spirituality.
- To encourage and provide opportunities for reflection. Invite children and adults to pray.
- To provide opportunities for the exploration questioning.
- To be inclusive of those with and without faith.

All Saints CE Primary School is a voluntary controlled school and, as such, the following requirements apply:-

- All pupils in attendance shall on each school day take part in an act of collective worship unless the parents request that she/he be wholly or partly excluded from attendance at religious worship.
- The daily act of worship shall be consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England, and, by law, the basic curriculum in school shall include religious education consistent with the faith of the Church of England.
- Use shall be made of the Parish Church or other Christian places of worship both for occasional acts of collective worship and for RE.

4. Participation in School Worship

All children attend unless withdrawal is requested by parents/carers.

Parents are invited to share in worship throughout the year both at school and in church.

Staff are actively encouraged to participate in the daily act of worship.

There is a clear distinction between 'worship' and the other business of assembly when we are gathered together.

There is an 'open' invitation to parents to attend and they receive a 'formal' invitation when their child's class is leading worship.

Visitors are invited to lead worship. Staff often lead worship in addition to the headteacher.

A variety of different ways and approaches to worship is demonstrated and actively encouraged and supported.