

Harnser Primary Schools
Frettenham, Hainford VC and St Faiths' VC C of E Primary Schools
Collective Worship Policy

Collective worship provides opportunities to celebrate and reflect together upon the beliefs, values and practices of the school community.

Aims;

- to provide opportunities for pupils 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 reinforce positive attitudes.

Collective worship

- is in line with the 1988 Education Reform Act wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.
- is sympathetic to the children's family background, ages and aptitudes.
- is an activity where all children have an opportunity to contribute and gain
- has both collective and corporate elements.
- is meaningful and seen as part of the whole school curriculum.
- is a learning experience for the whole school community which is planned, prepared, monitored and resourced.
- is an integrated part of school life, sharing pupils work and achievements.
- contains no proselytism
- contributes to the religious education of all children.
- is a special act or occasion, showing reverence to God.

This policy will be used in conjunction with

1. The Norfolk Agreed Syllabus 2012
2. The Special Educational Needs Policy
3. The Health and Safety Policy

Organisation

Collective worship is held daily as part of the school assembly according to each school's timetable.

Grace is said before meals.

There is a prayer at the end of the school day at Hainford and St Faiths'. Collective worship takes place on the school premises and on special occasions may take place in other areas of the community.

Assemblies are conducted by the head teacher, members of staff and members of the local clergy.

Assemblies are conducted in a dignified way and contain an element of calm reflection. Children are asked to be quiet and thoughtful, to listen carefully to the teachings and participate fully in prayers and hymns.

We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and a visual focus. Topics are planned to fit in with the Values for Life scheme, with flexibility to adapt to current issues.

Records should be kept showing aims and content.

Assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of the children giving opportunities to acknowledge and reward achievements both in and outside school. They promote the ethos of the school where all children are valued and all achievements recognised.

Governors and visitors are welcome to attend assemblies at any time.

Parental Rights

We expect all children to attend assembly. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending collective worship. They are requested to discuss this with the head teacher.

Resources

Books stored in the school library.

The churches of the community.