



Collective Worship Policy

Approved by:	Deputy Headteacher
Committee responsible:	Local School Committee
School Lead:	Subject Lead
Date:	November 2025
Next review due by:	Annually
Version number:	2025.1
Status:	Management
Where published:	Staff Team Documents \ Policies \ Website

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

Contents

1.0	Introduction	4
2.0	Roles and Responsibilities.....	4

1.0 Introduction

Collective worship at Corfe Hills School is distinct from the RP curriculum and is provided in accordance with statutory requirements, appropriate to the particular context of the school.

Families who send their children to this school are from a range of faith backgrounds, including Christian, Hindu, Muslim & Jewish. In addition, there are children from non-religious backgrounds. At Corfe Hills School, which has no religious affiliation, we have to consider the background that our students come from, and it is therefore not the practice of this school to preach to or convert students. The faith background of both the staff and the child's family is respected at all times.

2.0 Roles and Responsibilities

- In the main, whole year group assemblies, as opposed to acts of Collective Worship, are provided weekly for all students.
- Assemblies are typically led by Senior Leaders and Year Heads, following an annual plan that takes into account key religious people, events, dates and commemorations.
- Assemblies make a significant contribution to students' Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural (SMSC) development.

In addition to the above, further faith-based provision is provided by Corfe Hills School as follows:

- Prayer space is available to students
- There is a Christian Union, led by students and available to all. There is also a prayer morning every week led by a member of staff.
- An annual CHS Carol Service is held at Wimborne Minster, organised by SLT and the Head of Music. This is a traditional service, overseen by the priest-in-charge, involving prayer, hymns/carols and readings from the Bible by staff and student leaders. All staff, students and parents are encouraged to attend
- The Headteacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging collective worship/assemblies after consulting with the governing body.
- The Assistant Associate Headteacher is responsible for planning the calendar of themes.
- All Form Tutors follow the pastoral programme in tutor time, which contributes to SMSC and religious awareness.
- All Teaching Staff are required to attend assemblies unless they have formally withdrawn from them by putting their request in writing and meeting with the headteacher.
- Parents of a pupil have a right to withdraw their children from collective worship/assemblies. If a parent asks for their child to be wholly or partly excused from attending the school must comply unless the request is withdrawn. Any parent who wishes to exercise this right should consult the headteacher.
- The Education and Inspection Act 2006 makes provision for pupils in post- 16 education to exercise the right to withdraw themselves from the daily act of collective worship, but not from assembly.