

Elworth C of E Primary School



“Love God, Love Learning, Love One Another”
Matthew 22 v 36-39

Collective Worship Policy

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Mission Statement

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At Elworth we embrace The Church of England's vision for education which is 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good.' When Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment, he responded with '*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind*' and '*Love your neighbour as yourself*' (Matt 22:36-39). These timeless words are at the heart of our vision, nurturing our community and shaping the ethos of our flourishing school.

School's theologically rooted Christian mission

At Elworth we create a stimulating and caring environment, grounded in Christian belief and practice, so that all members of our school community can flourish. We therefore aim to provide an education that provides pupils with opportunities to explore and develop their own values and beliefs, spiritual awareness, high standards of personal behaviour, a positive caring attitude towards other people, an understanding of their social and cultural traditions and an appreciation of diversity within modern Britain. We maintain that learning should be a rewarding experience for everyone; it should be enjoyable. Through our teaching we equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be able to make informed choices about the important things in their lives. Our six Christian values underpin all that we teach : Courage, Community, Perseverance, Generosity, Compassion, Friendship. Our school rules are: To be Ready, To be Responsible and To be Respectful. These are embedded in each child's mind so that they are fully prepared for living each day successfully. We aspire that all our children are a blessing beyond the school walls, beyond their families, beyond their local community, as global citizens. To achieve this the children and adults at Elworth embark on an exciting and adventurous journey together joining in with God's redemptive work in our lives and throughout the world and learn to be advocates for change.

Aims

- Provide an opportunity for all to take part in Christian worship
- Provide meaningful time to reflect on our relationship with God and express praise and thanksgiving to God
- Establish a sense of awe and wonder about God's relationship with every member of the school community
- To provide time to reflect and respond to God
- To foster respect and deeper spiritual awareness
- To affirm Christian values and attitudes
- Share each others achievements, joy and challenges
- To explore the 'big' questions of life and to national events
- To celebrate key times and festivals within the Christian calendar.

- To promote aesthetic, spiritual, social, moral and cultural development
- Help pupils develop an understanding both of the Anglican nature, language and structure of worship
- Help pupils develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others

The ingredients of an effective act of worship will include opportunities for:

- Sense of family and community
- Exploration of a theme or a Christian value
- Prayer and Reflection
- Understanding the bible and learning about key characters and events.
- Praising God through songs
- Pupil participation
- Application to daily lives

The Legal Position

The 1988 Education Reform Act 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, ie. reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief.”

At Elworth CE Primary school we have adopted eight Christian values through which all worship is developed and presented.

(All parents/guardians have the right to withdraw their children from the daily act of worship.)

Context of Collective Worship

Collective Worship at Elworth CE Primary School takes place in a range of settings, in order to provide different learning experiences for pupils. Acts of Worship take place in the broader framework of school assemblies and are planned thematically. The usual pattern is outlined below:

Foundation Stage / Key Stage 1 / Key Stage 2

Monday – Whole School Worship

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Wednesday – Class Worship

Thursday – Worship and Praise assembly

Friday – Achievement Assembly

Monitoring and Evaluation

Daily acts of Worship are regularly reviewed by the children and the programme is adjusted as necessary. A team of children (Worship Warriors) help to plan, deliver and present the Worship programme.