



CROFTLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Spring 2017

Accepted by the Governing Body

Date

Signed by

Within Croftlands Junior School we aim

- To provide an atmosphere of trust and confidence where every member of each school community is valued and appreciated and where everyone can enjoy their time in school and can realise their own potential.
- To provide the best quality education for our children so that they can achieve their fullest individual potential.
- To achieve this by striving to maintain the highest standards of teaching and learning and by providing a safe, stimulating and healthy environment where all children and adults feel valued for the contribution they make.
- To develop the children's respect for themselves and for others and to promote a caring, positive attitude towards the community and their local environment.
- To prepare children for life in its widest sense, enabling them to take their place in society as fulfilled and committed individuals, able to play their part in local and wider affairs as well as achieving economic well being.
- To give equal opportunities to all our pupils so that they may become contributors to a society free of all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

Please contact the Chair of Governors or the clerk of Croftlands Junior School if you wish to have a copy of this document in a different format.

There may be occasions when parents wish to complain about matters relating to the curriculum, policy documents or collective worship which are the responsibility of the Governing Body and/or the Local Authority. Special, formal arrangements exist for dealing with complaints of this kind. Copies of a leaflet which outlines these arrangements are available in school, as are copies of the full arrangements themselves. Advice on how to pursue a formal complaint is also available from the school website and www.cumbria.gov.uk

Responsibility and Management of Collective Worship

It is the responsibility of the head teacher to ensure that Collective Worship takes place in accordance with the Act, and that sufficient time is set aside for this. Collective Worship takes place daily and is of a broadly Christian nature and is seen as a meaningful and integral part of the life of the school.

Organisation of Collective Worship

Assemblies comprise of hymns, songs, stories and prayers and poems with a religious or moral dimension, although current events and festivals also feature. We have representatives from different local Church communities and visiting speakers on a regular basis. During the year each class presents two assemblies to the school and parents. The theme of the class assembly is decided by the class teacher and the class.

Collective Worship at Croftlands Junior School is organised as follows:

Monday

Whole School Assembly takes place in the hall and is usually taken by the head teacher. This assembly is used to learn and practise hymns and songs.

Tuesday

Due to half the school attending swimming lessons during the morning, Tuesday's assembly is usually an Upper school or Lower school assembly and is usually taken by the head teacher.

Wednesday

Whole school assembly takes place in the Hall and is usually taken by the Assistant Head Teacher.

Thursday

Whole school assembly takes place in the Hall and is usually taken by the school staff.

Friday

Friday's assembly is a celebration of the week and takes place in the Hall with all staff present. Pupils receive Merit certificates for good work, behaviour, attitude to learning etc. The class award for the tidiest cloakroom is awarded, 100% attendance is celebrated and the house points collated for the week. Every class presents two assemblies during the year to the school and parents.

Visiting Groups

Visiting groups, e.g. Jesters for Jesus, are also welcomed into school to take assemblies. Local ministers and church representatives are invited to take assembly on a regular basis and are invited to join school assemblies for special occasions such as Harvest or Christmas.

Times for Collective Worship

10.00 - 10.15am daily, 1:40- 2:00pm on Fridays.

Recording, Monitoring and Evaluation

The head teacher includes information about collective worship in reports to the governors.

Curriculum Links

Collective Worship within the school is not confined to the study of religion in relation to life experience. It draws on the whole curriculum and other aspects of the life of the school. The content reflects a variety of influences such as the school calendar, local, national and international events, as well as religious and secular festivals and celebrations. It is also used to celebrate excellence in all subject areas and to give the children access to a variety of music and literature, from different sources.

Rights of Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the daily act of Collective Worship. Every effort will be taken to ensure parents understand the nature of school-based Collective Worship before this decision is taken. Should parents wish to withdraw a child, appropriate activities and supervision will be provided.