

Collective Worship – A Guide

All schools are required by law to provide pupils with a daily act of collective worship regardless of whether or not they are a Church school. The difference with church schools lies in the fact that all acts of worship must be Christian. The whole school community involves all pupils and all staff, unless they have sought the right to withdraw from acts of worship.

Collective worship will be:

Inclusive: In a Church school, pupils, their families and other adults can expect to encounter worship that is inclusive of, and fully accessible to, all. This will involve meeting, exploring, questioning and responding to others and, for some, to God.

Invitational: Parents, pupils and adults can expect to encounter worship that is consistently invitational. There should be no compulsion to ‘do anything’. Rather, worship should provide the opportunity to engage whilst allowing the freedom of those of different faiths and those who profess no religious faith to be present and to engage with integrity.

Inspiring: Pupils and adults can expect the worship they encounter in a Church school to be inspirational. Worship should be formational and transformational: it should enable pupils and adults to ask big questions about who we are and why we do what we do. It should motivate pupils and adults into action, into thinking differently, and into reflecting on their and the wider community’s behaviour and actions.

Online Collective Worship for CofE Schools

We offer 5 online worship services throughout the school year – see our [training, development and worship programme](#) for full details