



Halam Church of England Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

Introduction

Collective worship is a vital part of the life and ethos of Halam C of E Primary School. It provides an opportunity for the whole school community to come together to reflect, celebrate, and grow spiritually in a supportive and inclusive environment. As a Church of England school, our worship is rooted in Christian tradition, yet open and respectful of all faiths and beliefs represented in our school community.

Our Vision and Ethos

Our vision is inspired by John 10:10, *"I came to give life - life in all its fullness."* We strive to create a school where everyone is motivated to achieve their full potential within a Christian and caring environment. We aim to nurture spirituality and a sense of meaning in everyone. Our school life is distinctly Christian and fully inclusive, respecting and celebrating the beliefs of all children, whatever their faith background.

We believe that all have the potential to flourish in different aspects of life, as Jeremiah 29:11 says, *"For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future."* We care for the whole child, providing varied opportunities for learning and growth, so that every child can live life in all its fullness.

Our APPLE Values

Our collective worship is deeply rooted in our five-finger APPLE values, which guide our school community:

- **Aspire** - "For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)
We encourage all pupils to aspire to be the very best they can be and support others to do the same.
- **Partnership** - "Have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind." (1 Peter 3:8)
We foster strong relationships and integrity, promoting a caring and supportive community both within school and beyond.
- **Persevere** - "Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you." (Joshua 1:9)
We nurture resilience and confidence, encouraging pupils to embrace challenges and innovate in their learning.
- **Love** - "Do everything in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)
We promote kindness, compassion, and mutual respect, ensuring everyone feels valued and loved as part of our school family.



- **Enjoy** - "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)
We seek to inspire enjoyment and engagement in learning and life.

These values are rooted in the Church of England's vision for education: wisdom, hope, community, and dignity.

Aims

Our collective worship aims to:

- Foster a sense of community and shared Christian values embodied in our APPLE ethos.
- Encourage spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development.
- Provide opportunities for reflection, prayer, and celebration.
- Explore Christian beliefs and festivals in an age-appropriate way.
- Promote respect and understanding of different faiths and worldviews.

Organisation and Delivery

- Collective worship will be held daily for all pupils, either as a whole school, key stage groups, or class-based assemblies.
- Worship will normally be Christian in content and style, drawing from Anglican traditions, Bible stories, prayers, hymns, and Christian festivals.
- Visitors from the local church, clergy, or other faith leaders may be invited to lead worship periodically.
- The headteacher, staff, and pupils share responsibility for planning and delivering worship.
- Themes will reflect the school's Christian values, the liturgical calendar, and relevant contemporary issues.

Content and Approach

- Worship will be inclusive, allowing space for personal reflection and response.
- It will provide time for silence, music, prayer, stories, and discussions.
- Worship encourages pupils to consider their own beliefs and values, and to develop empathy and respect for others.
- Opportunities will be given to learn about other faiths and traditions in a spirit of mutual respect.



Right of Withdrawal

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from collective worship. Any parent wishing to do so should contact the headteacher to discuss alternative arrangements.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- The collective worship program will be monitored by the headteacher and the governing body.
- Feedback from staff, pupils, and parents will be regularly sought to ensure worship is meaningful and effective.
- The policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

Links to Other Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the school's Religious Education Policy, Behaviour Policy, and Equality Policy.

Approval and Review

This Collective Worship Policy was approved by the Governing Body in December 2025. It will be reviewed annually.