



DAVISON CE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

POLICY AND MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT

Collective Worship Policy

March 2022

Introductory Statement

The vision of Davison Church of England High School for Girls is 'To live life in all its fulness and flourish as God intended'.

We want to flourish because;

- It is what we were made to do
- Jesus makes it possible
- We want others to be blessed through us

Our vision is rooted in the Bible, which shows us Gods' big plan for his world and ultimately his never-stopping, never giving-up, always and forever love for his creation (us). Our desire is for everyone in our school to flourish. There is open invitation for all, there is no 'them and us' (Galatians 3 v 28). We value and care for everyone. We support each other.

Aims

Collective worship at Davison creates a space for all members of our school community, without compulsion to reflect and respond to good news of Jesus (John 3 v16) and what it means to live a spacious, free, full and flourishing life (John 10 v10).

Worship offers those in our school to reflect on the values and issues in the context of our Christian ethos and seeks to be;

Inclusive – everyone is welcome

Invitational – providing opportunities to take an active role in creating and participating

Inspiring – opportunities to reflect, respond and take something away

Our collective worship provides the pupils and staff the opportunity to worship God, experience a variety of styles of worship, to celebrate Christian festivals, understand and explore our Christian Values in the context of today's society.

Our collective workshops seek to help us grow in understanding of and participation in prayer, develop a reflective approach to life and reflect on and develop as a community based in Christian values, so that our school is a place of safety, love and affirmation.

At times worship will reflect aspects of the curriculum and in particular will:

- nurture spiritual growth;
- consider moral issues in a Christian context and to;
- enhance social understanding;
- explore beliefs drawn from their own cultural heritage.

Pattern and Organisation of collective worship

Collective worship takes place in a variety of groupings including form groups, colour families, year groups and larger gatherings at St George's Church, our Parish Church.

We follow a 5 year cycle, exploring our Christian Values through key themes and the seasons of the Church year.

Year One: The Big Story of the Bible					
Forgiveness	Thankfulness	Endurance	Hope	Trust	Friendship
Year Two: Women in the Bible					
Thankfulness	Trust	Hope	Friendship	Forgiveness	Endurance
Year Three: The Life of Jesus					
Trust	Hope	Thankfulness	Endurance	Friendship	Forgiveness
Year Four: Faith in Action					
Endurance	Forgiveness	Friendship	Thankfulness	Hope	Trust
Year Five: Heroes of Faith					
Hope	Friendship	Trust	Forgiveness	Endurance	Thankfulness

Significant festivals and other special days are observed. These always include Harvest, Christmas and Easter. We also respond to topical events and issues. Whenever worship takes place, it is planned to promote thinking beyond the time given to worship itself.

Planning of collective worship

Our acts of worship are carefully planned to ensure a balance between content and experience. A planning sub-group of the Christian Ethos improvement group meet fortnightly, informed and supported by student Christian Ethos team members

Leaders, including the students, plan the content and activities included in Worship. Throughout their time at our school students will encounter a wide variety of activities such as art, craft, dance and drama alongside traditional elements of worship such as prayer and song.

Prayer is a vital part of our worship. It is introduced with a form of words that invites but does not coerce pupils to participate. Our prayers are addressed to Jesus and God reflecting the traditions and practices of the Church of England. Pupils who prefer not to pray are encouraged to use these times to reflect on the important messages shared in our worship.

Our worship is regularly reviewed through student voice, observations and reflection. Our evaluations are fed into the planning for future worship.

Leadership of collective worship and responsibilities

The leadership of collective worship is the responsibility of the Christian Ethos School Improvement Co-ordinator and overseen by the Head teacher. The Christian Ethos School Improvement Group (staff) and Christian Ethos Team (students) support the development, planning and evaluation of collective worship. All staff are responsible for supporting and delivering collective worship in their context, including, but not exclusively, form tutors and lead tutors and Headship Team members.

Growing partnerships

Collective Worship is primarily led from within school and from the local Church Community. Students are integral in leading worship throughout the year. Visitors are welcome to lead collective worship from time to time and are given guidance on our worship policy. Leaders from faith groups within the area help us to increase the pupils' awareness, promote respect and raise the esteem of the pupils who belong to these faith groups.

Legal Requirements and Right of Withdrawal

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from all or any acts of worship. In the first instance we ask parents who may wish to exercise this right to visit school to speak with the headteacher.

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Signature and date: