



Huttoft Primary & Nursery School

Building Foundations, Enabling Discovery, Broadening Horizons

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Introduction

At Huttoft Primary and Nursery School, collective worship is a valued part of school life. It provides opportunities for pupils and staff to reflect on shared values, celebrate achievements, develop a sense of community, and explore their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Collective worship is inclusive, respectful and appropriate for the age, background and beliefs of all members of our school community. It reflects and promotes our school values of Friendship, Individuality, Ambition, Resilience and Respect, while supporting our whole-school aims to Build Foundations, Enable Discovery and Broaden Horizons.

Aims

At Huttoft Primary and Nursery School, collective worship aims to:

- Promote a sense of belonging and community.
- Encourage spiritual reflection and personal development.
- Embed and celebrate our school values of Friendship, Individuality, Ambition, Resilience and Respect through stories, discussion, celebration and reflection.
- Support our school vision by helping every child to:
 - Build Foundations by developing confidence, positive relationships, strong values and a sense of belonging.
 - Enable Discovery by encouraging curiosity, thoughtful questioning, reflection and an appreciation of different beliefs, cultures and experiences.
 - Broaden Horizons by inspiring pupils to explore the wider world, recognise their potential and become responsible, respectful citizens.
- Encourage pupils to build positive relationships, value themselves and others, strive to achieve their best, persevere through challenges and treat everyone with kindness and respect.
- Celebrate achievements and significant events.
- Provide opportunities for prayer, reflection, stillness or quiet contemplation, as appropriate.
- Support the ethos and values of Huttoft Primary and Nursery School.

Legal Requirements

Huttoft Primary and Nursery School meets its statutory obligations regarding collective worship in accordance with current legislation.

As a school without a designated religious character, collective worship is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from collective worship. Staff also have the right to withdraw from leading or participating in collective worship.

Organisation

Collective worship takes place regularly and may include:

- Whole-school assemblies
- Key Stage assemblies
- Class worship
- Year group worship
- Special celebrations and commemorative events

Worship may be led by:

- Senior leaders
- Teachers
- Pupils
- Visiting speakers
- Members of local faith communities

Themes are planned across the year to reinforce our school values and support our aims to Build Foundations, Enable Discovery and Broaden Horizons, while also responding to national events, religious festivals, current affairs and the needs of the school community.

Content

Themes are carefully planned across the school year and may include:

- Friendship
- Individuality
- Ambition
- Resilience
- Respect
- Kindness
- Compassion
- Responsibility
- Diversity and inclusion
- British values
- Religious festivals
- Global awareness
- Wellbeing

Collective worship encourages pupils to reflect on how these themes help them build strong foundations for life, discover new ideas and perspectives, and broaden their understanding of the world around them.

Inclusion

Collective worship at Huttoft Primary and Nursery School is accessible and meaningful for all pupils regardless of faith, belief or background.

Participation is always respectful. Opportunities for reflection are provided in ways that enable everyone to engage appropriately. Reasonable adjustments will be made where necessary to ensure full inclusion.

Right of Withdrawal

Parents have the legal right to request that their child be withdrawn from collective worship. Requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher. Appropriate supervision arrangements will be provided for pupils who are withdrawn.