

LLANSANTFFRAID CHURCH IN WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

All pupils attending Llansantffraid Primary School, regardless of age, gender, colour and creed or ability shall take part in a daily act of collective worship which brings together the whole ethos of our school, its atmosphere, the quality relationships, its values and attitudes and reinforces its richness. We promote a caring Christian community in which all individuals matter.

This document provides a statement of the school aims with regard to Collective Worship. It is a document consistent with the requirements of the Education Reform Act.

Aims

We aim to bring pupils together to participate in the experiences of the immediate and wider community:

- to provide an opportunity for the children to worship God;
- to enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature;
- share together emotions such as love, trust, loyalty, friendship, selflessness, forgiveness, patience, responsibility, confidence, happiness, help, tolerance, joy, delight, valuing oneself and to celebrate in the excitement and beauty of life and living;
- to provide moments of awe and wonder, for truth and for facing the harsher realities of life;
- give opportunity to express humility, weariness, worry or admission of a need;
- allow positive reflection on success and failure in an open, honest and sensitive climate;
- to develop pupil awareness and understanding of the cultural traditions of Wales and other world cultures;
- encourage expressions of determination to do ones best;
- create an atmosphere in which one has the opportunity for silent reflection, repose, inner response and active participation;
- to develop a sense of community spirit;
- to promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes.

Collective Worship at Llansantffraid Primary School is carefully planned with meaningful arrangements. We make positive use of relevant displays and artefacts to promote interest and understanding.

We use poetry, music and knowledge and understanding of the world to help develop a sense of beauty and awe and wonder of the world. We make effective use of artefacts including, candles, shells, pebbles, sand, stones etc. We encourage children to develop their own ideas and consider their own values and beliefs.

The act of Collective Worship takes place on a daily basis with all children. A variety of music is played on entering and leaving the hall to help create atmosphere conducive to worship and reflection. We encourage other Ministers, Preachers and speakers to involve themselves in our Collective Worship. The school also visits St Ffraid's to celebrate Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Families and friends are invited to join us.

At least once per half term the whole school meets for an open act of Collective Worship where parents and members of the wider community are invited to attend. The end of the school year is also celebrated with a Leaver's Service.

Our time for Collective Worship reflects the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate by showing their work to the other children and raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Collective Worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Llansantffraid Primary School is a successful school and we shall celebrate the successes of all the children. We provide time for pupils to reflect on Bible stories and explore their personal feelings and experiences through prayers and poetry.

Pattern of Collective Worship at Llansantffraid Primary School (subject to change)

	Type of Worship	
Monday	Whole School – Gwasanaeth Cymraeg	Headteacher
Tuesday	Whole School	Teacher
Wednesday	Whole School	Teacher
Thursday	Whole School	Member of Church Community
Friday	Whole School Celebration	Headteacher

Our Collective Worship usually takes the form:

Music – to enter hall

Lighting the Trinity Candles

Hymn – linked to “theme”

Pre story questions

Story/Discussion

Post story questions – active pupil participation

Time for reflection – 2 minutes, sit quietly and think

Prayer – Pupil/Whole school

Music – to leave hall

ALN

Activities and stories are planned in such a way as to encourage full and active participation by all children irrespective of ability.

Equal Opportunities

Equality is always observed with positive attitudes being developed, regardless of gender, race or cultural background

ICT

Wherever possible ICT will be used to support Collective Worship

Curriculum Cymreig

Collective Worship allows us to improve the standards of pupils awareness and understanding of the cultural traditions of Wales. We incorporate Welsh hymns, poems and prayers where appropriate. We celebrate St Davids day. The Criw Cymraeg lead a weekly Welsh worship.

Health and Safety

Children are continually encouraged to be aware of their own safety and the safety of others. We place emphasis on each individual learning to respect themselves incorporating moral values.

Parental Involvement

Half termly services are provided to which parents are invited in addition to Festival services.

Implementation

It is the responsibility of the whole staff to implement the document. Our acts of worship are Christian in character and other religions are viewed from a Christian perspective.

The right of withdrawal.

At Llansantffraid we believe that the act of Collective Worship is a central part of the life of our school and would therefore hope that all parents would wish their children to attend. If parents however decide to exercise their legal rights to withdraw their child the school will seek to ensure that they are adequately supervised, have something purposeful to do and that they are not made to feel unduly isolated and 'different'.