

Collective Worship Policy



As a Rights Respecting School Pennard Primary School is a safe and happy place where everyone is valued and where differences are celebrated. We not only teach about children's rights but also model rights and respect in all relationships.

Collective worship is an educational activity which is on par with the rest of the school curriculum. Collective worship is distinct from and is no substitute for the teaching of Religious Education in the classroom.

At Pennard Primary School, pupils take part in a daily act of collective worship and other arrangements are made for those pupils who are exempt. The assembly may contain English and / or Welsh hymns and prayers.

The Purpose of Collective Worship

- To contribute to a sense of unity and community for the school as a whole.
- To promote spiritual, cultural and moral development.

Principles of Assembly

Assemblies/collective worship should be pupil-centred, related to pupils' own experience and concerns. They should acknowledge diversity, and pupils should take an active part in assemblies. Assemblies should be educational. They should have a purpose and relate to other curriculum activities. Assemblies should be spiritual: a time for reflection and individual worship.

Aims of Collective Worship

- To provide the opportunity for an experience of worship.
- To reflect on the values and concerns of the school and the community it serves.
- To deepen and widen a child's emotional response.
- To enable children to gain insights into ways in which people express themselves according to the tenets of their faith.
- To promote respect and sensitivity for the beliefs and values of others.

Planning

Assemblies are carefully planned to incorporate a theme that fosters spiritual, cultural and moral development. These themes are rooted in our school values and core rights, and often draw inspiration from a range of religious traditions and stories. Some assemblies are linked to the Calendar of Religious Festivals, helping children gain a broader understanding of different cultures and beliefs.

At Pennard, we have much to celebrate, reflect on and aspire to. Our assemblies provide space to express gratitude, share praise and explore hopes in a meaningful way. Each theme encourages children to think deeply about important issues and respond creatively through a variety of activities, including singing, music making, hymns, role play, silent reflection, prayer and discussion. We also welcome guests to lead some of our assemblies, for example, our local vicar and Christian teaching partner.

REVIEW

This policy was updated in September 2025 and will be reviewed biennially or sooner if legislation and Local Authority guidance changes.

Next Review Date: July 2027

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