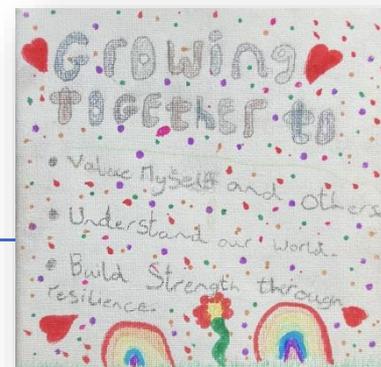


# Collective Worship Policy (October 2023)

## Growing together to:

- Build strength through resilience.
- Value myself and others.
- Understand the world around us.



## Statement of Intent

At Crakehall C of E Primary School, collective worship is a highly valued, key component of each and every day. Pupils and staff take part in a high quality, meaningful experience, rooted by our school vision, and offering a spiritual encounter within a broader Christian and educational context.

## We aim to:

- Explore our school vision so it can be fulfilled at all times.
- Enable staff and pupils to consider spiritual and moral issues, as well as explore their own beliefs, through the experience of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection.
- Enable pupils to engage with worship, at an age-appropriate level, as both participants and leaders.
- To develop pupil's understanding of right and wrong, respect for others, sense of personal responsibility, and politeness.
- Offer the whole school community the opportunity to participate in worship, ensuring that the experiences provided are relevant to the age, aptitude and family background of the children on both an individual and collective basis.
- Enable children, staff and visitors to explore and celebrate difference and diversity in a safe environment where mentioning the name of God is regarded as normal practice.
- Seek to widen and enhance the experience of those of faith, no faith and the curious and to allow them to make their own response.
- Allow the whole school community to recognise the presence and personal nature of God.
- Ensure that collective worship is properly resourced and professionally co-ordinated.
- Provide an opportunity for children to connect with people from the local and wider community and church.
- Explore traditions from Christianity and other world faiths as appropriate.

Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our school vision.



## Christian Values

We identify the values of reverence, wisdom, thankfulness, humility, endurance, service, compassion, trust, peace, forgiveness, friendship, justice, hope and creation which form a key part of our teaching and reflections within daily collective worship. We have chosen four Christian Values that strengthen our school vision. Although we reflect and celebrate all Christian Values TRUST, FRIENDSHIP, COMPASSION AND FORGIVENESS are the roots that give children and staff at Crakehall the understanding and skills to live our school vision.

These values are also linked to the school’s curriculum through the teaching of RE and PSHCE as well as other important curriculum entitlements. The promotion of Christian values is a key part of children’s social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

## SOULRICH

Alongside our Christian Values we have created SOULRICH characters. These characters were designed by a parent who worked alongside staff in order to create a visual representation of the key characteristics we believe are needed to fulfil our school vision (alongside our Christian Values). We celebrate children who have displayed these characteristics in school with SOULRICH vision certificates. For example, a child may receive an award for ‘valuing myself and others’ by showing Una understanding and Charlie communication skills.



## PLANNING, ORGANISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

A collective worship timetable is created each half term with a focus on a Christian value and our school vision. Themes are planned so that the key events in the life of the church may be explored. They also include major festivals from other faiths, fundraising opportunities news items and pertinent stories.

The Head of School plans the themes for each half term and makes these available for all staff, church, children and visitors to follow. We carefully consider the needs of pupils each half term to ensure that the topics we explore are as beneficial, varied, interesting and relevant as possible.

## Current Collective Worship Timetable

Day	Structure
Monday Picture News	The collective worship team leads collective worship on a Monday every week. The theme is shared and linked to the value that we are exploring (if relevant). We also discuss the British Value and Protected characteristic link to the theme.
Tuesday Singing	Singing Worship – this is a fundamental part of our school. Singing brings our school together to celebrate and worship through song and praise.
Wednesday Class Worship/ Church Service	One class per week visit Church for the weekly morning service. For those children not at Church, class worship and reflections take place – based on the current theme. Today is also an opportunity to discuss how we are living



	the school vision, to share some great examples and what we can all do to ensure we continue to grow together.
Thursday Bible Stories	Staff share a bible story based around the theme (if relevant) or our school vision. Children use their knowledge and understanding built up over the week to unpick and reflect the teaching from the story and how we can all take something from it in order to help us grow.
Friday Celebration	Every Friday we come together to celebrate the week. Children receive vision certificates for great examples on how they have 'lived' our school vision. It is a wonderful opportunity to be together, to celebrate what has been and look forward to the week ahead.



## Prayer and Reflection

Our worship plans include a hymn that pupils learn and sing each week. Singing is an important part of life at our schools. Our favourite is our school song, 'Be bold, Be strong.' Staff and children have chosen key songs that we feel represent our school vision, we sing these songs regularly to remind us of how we can grow together and support each other to flourish.

There is a prayer tree and a reflection working wall set up in school and the spiritual garden. Children can use this space if they would like to reflect during the school day. Sometimes these are related to the current Value for the week, on other occasions this could be a personal prayer or reflection.

We light our School Values Candle we start by saying, 'We meet in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit' and worship ends with our school prayer:

Dear God,

We thank you for our school community and the precious world we live in,

We ask you to help us learn new things every day.

Keep our friendships strong and encourage our teachers as they guide us through school.

May your spirit of peace hover over us and all our families.

Go in peace to love and serve the lord, in the name of Christ.

Amen

All collective worship includes opportunities for prayer and reflection, led by an adult or pupils. At the beginning of lunchtime, we say grace together in the lunch hall. Pupils enjoy a visit to St Gregory's church for a service and opportunity to meet with the congregation every Wednesday.



## **The Right of Withdrawal**

Crakehall Church of England School recognises the legal right of parents to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. Please talk to us if you have any concerns or questions you may have.

## **Support for delivery of collective worship (professional development)**

Crakehall Church of England School recognises the need for professional development of staff and children in the review and delivery of Collective Worship and will ensure that training is offered on both an individual and whole staff basis.

## **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed on a biannual basis. Policy reviewed – September 2023

