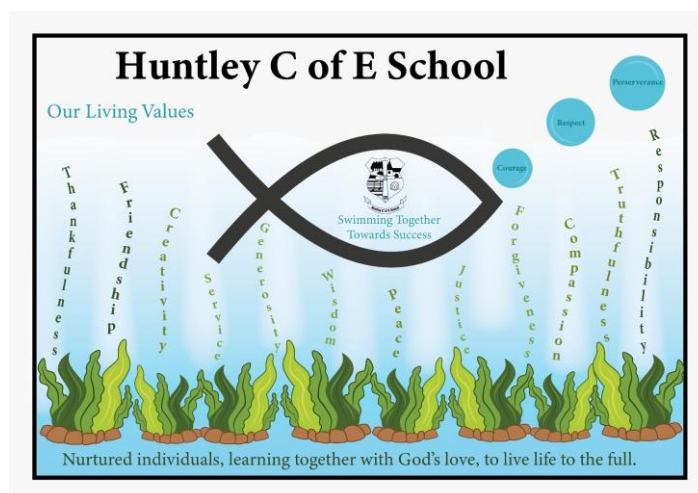


Huntley C of E Primary School



Collective Worship Policy September 2025

Please read in conjunction with
School Vision and Mission Statement
SMSC Policy
British Values and school values



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Document Reviews and Amendments

Amendment Date	Change to Document	Date of Approval
February 2019	Scheduled review. Updated in line with new values etc	
April 2020	Change of format. In line with Covid	
September 2022	Scheduled review	
September 2025	Scheduled review	20/09/25

AIMS

At Huntley we aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to worship God and to promote our children's spiritual, moral, social, cultural and intellectual development. We promote -

Spiritual Development

- by providing our children with an opportunity to reflect upon the value, purpose and meaning of life
- by giving the children the chance to reflect on their own beliefs and thoughts, showing our Christian faith as central to those beliefs

Moral Development

- by providing our children with an opportunity to reflect on matters concerning right and wrong
- by promoting the positive values and ethos of the school

Social Development

- by providing our children with opportunities to share times of joy and sadness with others
- by celebrating achievements and talents through celebration assembly and Founder's day and giving an opportunity for community identity, action and shared values

Cultural Development

- by providing our children with an opportunity to explore, express and reflect on ideas, thoughts and feelings through a variety of expression
- by appreciating a wide range of cultural contexts and aesthetic experiences
- by understanding that society is a mixture of different local, regional, national and international cultures

Intellectual Development

- by providing our children with an opportunity to reflect upon the nature of learning and education and to appreciate what is 'worth' developing.

The responsibility for arranging collective worship in Huntley C of E School rests with the Governing Body in consultation with the Head teacher.

MEANING OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT HUNTLEY

Collective worship occupies an important and unique place within the life of Huntley School. It provides an opportunity for members of the school community to pause from activity, to gather together, remind themselves, and reflect upon the beliefs and values which bind the school community together.

It also allows those with a Christian commitment the possibility of entering into the worship of God in line with the teaching and practices of the Church of England and the school Trust Deeds. Those with no religious commitment can sense what worship is and reflect at depth. In this way we aim both to affirm and protect the identity of all members of the school community.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

In the 1996 Education Act it states that the acts of worship in any one term must be wholly or mainly Christian. In Huntley the worship relates specifically to Our School and Living Values and gives significant status to Jesus Christ.

Since most of our children come from homes in sympathy with Christianity, all acts of worship reflect values, which would be acceptable to Christianity.

ORGANISATION AND PLANNING

Daily worship is arranged as follows:

DAY	TIME	LEADER	TYPE
Monday	10.10am- 10.25am	Teacher/HT	Whole school Worship
Tuesday	10.10am- 10.30am	Class teacher	Class My Happy Minds
Wednesday	9.05 – 9.20am	Lead teacher	Whole School Worship Open the book stories
Thursday	10:10am - 10:25am	Teacher/HT	Class worship
Friday	9.10am – 9.45am	All teachers Rev Bloom	Worship/celebration assembly

N.B Rev Lara Bloom (Priest-in- Charge) takes two acts of worship a term and attends celebration worship.

There is a rolling programme of themes/Values each new term (6 per year). The Core School values of Respect, Perseverance and Courage are explored each term (3 times per year). The Living Values of Creativity, Wisdom, Compassion, Truthfulness, Generosity, Responsibility, Friendship, Service, Justice, Peace, Thankfulness and Forgiveness are explored on the two year rolling programme.

Huntley School Living Values

2021-2022			
Term 1	Compassion	Term 2	Truthfulness
Term 3	Friendship	Term 4	Wisdom
Term 5	Creativity	Term 6	Service
2022-2023			
Term 1	Justice	Term 2	Peace
Term 3	Thankfulness	Term 4	Forgiveness
Term 5	Generosity	Term 6	Responsibly

The programme also includes the importance of significant dates within the Church Calendar such as Shrove Tuesday and Epiphany.

The school uses a variety of resources for worship such as the Values for Life resources produced by the Diocese; songs/hymns from BBC Come and Praise and Out of the Ark series

Songs are usually selected to reflect the theme of the worship and meanings are discussed with the children.

Celebration Assembly on Friday acknowledges the talents of the children and values and gives thanks for the gifts and talents of all.

Collective worship is delivered in a variety of ways but usually includes music, songs, and stories, time for discussion and time for reflection. Year 6 children have roles within our worship. Children have opportunities to plan and lead worship during each term for the different classes. We try to create a purposeful atmosphere with the help of music or visual imagery as the children assemble and leave.

PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

Collective worship contributes to the community life of the school and is important educationally for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Our intention is that it should be an inclusive activity, which respects the integrity of all concerned. Children may be withdrawn from all or part of collective worship at their parents' request but we encourage parents to discuss this with the Headteacher before coming to a final decision on the matter.

The school is still responsible for those children who do not attend worship.

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