

WOULDHAM ALL SAINTS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**WORSHIP POLICY**1. Legal Basis

The Governing Body is responsible for providing a daily act of worship for all pupils as detailed in the Education Act 1996 Part V, Chapter III, sections 385-388 and also the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 Part II, Chapter VI, section 70 and Schedule 20 of the same act. The programme of worship must reflect the school's religious character. As an Anglican school we reflect the Anglican tradition of school worship.

The Governing Body will arrange for regular inspection through the Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS) framework working with the Rochester Diocese Board of Education.

The Governing Body is responsible for informing parents of their right of withdrawal and for setting up a complaints procedure for those dissatisfied with the act of worship.

2. Statement of Aims:

The main aim of worship in Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School is to acknowledge, give thanks to and praise God.

We also aim to acquaint pupils with the practice of prayer, in particular the Lord's prayer, celebrate common Christian values and festivals and to nurture pupils' spirituality as well as being aware of the rich heritage of Anglican worship.

3. Strategy for Achievement of Aims

Worship is given a high profile in the school. All children and teachers are expected to attend on a daily basis unless parents have made a written request to be withdrawn which has subsequently been discussed with the headteacher.

The content of worship is planned in advance to give a progressive experience for all children. Themes will be co-ordinated by the headteacher and/or worship leader at the start of each term. This will follow the RDBE Scheme model and plans will be available on KLZ.

Each class will arrange to lead an act of worship for the whole school at least once during the year. This may take place in the church.

'Wouldham Worship Warriors' are children who have volunteered to lead acts of worship and will be supported in the delivery of these on a weekly basis.

Acts of worship give pupils a variety of religious experiences including prayer, silence, music, focussed material, Biblical material, reflection and personal involvement. Care is taken to pitch content at the level of understanding of the children. We will actively seek out opportunities for children to be fully participative in school worship.

Worship will be rooted in Anglican tradition and will include responsive sayings, suitable use of music, symbols, awareness of liturgy and the Eucharist.

Members of different denominations and faith groups will be invited to lead acts of worship within the school.

Parents are invited to share special worship assemblies during the year.

Governors will aim to join in with worship when visiting school and report back to the governing body after doing this.

4. Statement of Provision

Each week, collective acts of daily worship will take the following form:

Monday:	Themed whole school worship including special celebrations
Tuesday:	Themed whole school worship
Wednesday:	Themed whole school worship – split into two sessions
Thursday:	Themed whole school worship
Friday:	Themed adult/pupil led whole school worship

Worship will normally follow the pattern of GEARS – where there is a distinctive ‘Gathering’ response followed by Engagement and Action leading to a Response to the content and finishing with a ‘Sending’ out. Where possible a variety of liturgies (both published and home written) will be used throughout the year.

We aim to mark the following festivals in conjunction with the local church:

Harvest/Thanksgiving, Trafalgar Day, All Saints Day, Remembrance, Christmas, Epiphany, Candlemas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, End of Year

Visitors from a range of denominations, including the local vicar, will be encouraged to take part/lead worship when available. This will include opportunities for whole school communion where possible.

The Family Trust will lead one worship each term. The content of their programme is decided themselves and communicated to the school in advance.

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