



Collective Worship Policy

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Aims

This collective worship policy aims to:

- To define what collective worship means
- To articulate the aims of collective worship at Ivel Valley School (IVS)
- To clarify what collective worship looks like at IVS

What does collective worship mean?

Collective worship in schools should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs; to encourage participation and response, whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to and joining in the worship offered; and to develop community spirit, promote a common ethos and shared values, and reinforce positive attitudes. Collective worship at IVS broadly reflects the values and character of Christian collective worship; this is appropriate for IVS.

Every pupil in a special school should attend collective worship (unless withdrawn by their parents or carers) so far as it is practicable. *(1988 Education Reform Act, School Collective Worship).*

What are the aims of collective worship at IVS?

The aims of collective worship at IVS are:

- To enable pupils to share our school values
- To develop our community spirit
- To enable pupils to interact with spiritual and moral issues
- To experience shared joy
- To recognise and celebrate the achievements of others
- To celebrate special times
- To encourage quiet reflection

What does collective worship look like at IVS?

Collective worship takes place in two main forms:

- In class. This will look very different in different classes, depending on the needs of the individual pupils. Teachers will provide appropriate stimuli to support pupils to reflect on different beliefs, including their own. Teachers will reinforce positive attitudes within this context.
- In assembly. This will take place weekly, encouraging pupils to come together as a community to engage in shared joy, celebration and reflection, rooted in our shared values.