

New Hope Christian School (NHCS) Collective Worship Policy Statement

Introduction

Worship to be wholly Christian character, that is, it reflects the teachings of Christian belief.

Christians share many beliefs and practices, attitudes and customs with those of other faiths and those of none.

Through the use of songs, story, drama, dance, prayer, music and readings people may come to a deeper understanding of the spiritual dimension to their lives. They may come to a greater awareness of other people, themselves and their world in the light of which they may go out to live and work in the community.

Worship

Collective worship at NHCS is for all pupils and staff. It forms either all or a small part of an assembly. Collective Worship has the potential to unite the whole school membership to help develop a sense of community. Collective worship is part of the school's contribution to promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of every child.

Beliefs are 'Christian' include: - God, justice, love, peace, good, evil, greed, poverty, pollution, morality, tolerance, co-operation, selfishness, war, prejudice. Values we feel are important to our school community include: - respect, trust, fairness, understanding, tolerance, appreciation, responsibility, caring, co-operation, patience, peace, honesty, courage, freedom, quality, friendship, humility, happiness, thoughtfulness. Such is the scope available to the person leading collective worship. Through themes such as these the spiritual awareness of every individual may be developed. We offer children opportunities to explore and share beliefs, to consider the relevance of ideas, beliefs and values to their own lives and to think about the needs of others and what it means to be part of a Christian community.

Collective Worship and Assembly

Collective worship and assembly are not the same thing but it is usual for an act of collective worship to take place during an assembly. It is a special time for all present to reflect up on their life experiences and to seek awareness and respect for the School Christian Ethos

FEB 2008