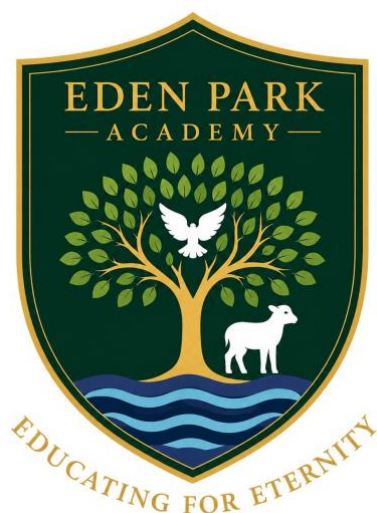


Collective Worship Policy, Curriculum and Assessment



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Context

The Eden School is a Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) faith-based school that serves children aged 3 to 16. As a through-school, our approach to Religious Education (RE) is foundational to our ethos. RE is

1. Purpose

The Eden School believes in fostering the spiritual, moral, and character development of every pupil through daily **Collective Worship**. As a Seventh-day Adventist school, our worship reflects our **Christian faith** while honouring the diversity of our school community. Collective Worship is an essential part of school life and is instrumental in shaping the values, character, and spiritual awareness of our pupils.

This policy outlines our approach to collective worship, its structure, and its importance in nurturing **spiritual growth, moral reflection, and community spirit**.

2. Aims of Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship seeks to:

- Reinforce the spiritual ethos of the school.
 - Foster an environment of reflection, contemplation, and worship.
 - Celebrate life, family, and the wider school community.
 - Promote moral development, personal integrity, and respect for others.
 - Instil values such as compassion, forgiveness, responsibility, and respect.
 - Encourage empathy, care, and consideration for others, both within and outside the school.
 - Help students develop their understanding of God's love and their relationship with Him.
 - Provide space for celebration and recognition of achievements.
 - Support character development through biblical lessons and application of Christian virtues.
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3. Legal Requirements

In accordance with the **Education Reform Act 1988**, all pupils are entitled to participate in **daily collective worship**. The worship must be predominantly Christian in nature, reflecting the **Seventh-day Adventist ethos** of the school. However, we also ensure that it is inclusive of other faiths and belief systems present in our diverse school community.

Parents have the **right to withdraw** their children from Collective Worship. In such cases, the parent or guardian should contact the Headteacher in writing, and alternative arrangements will be made.

4. Daily Format for Collective Worship

Collective Worship takes place every day for **30 minutes** and is divided into whole-school and smaller group gatherings. The programme varies by day, as outlined below:

Day	Focus	Details
Monday	Isaiah Lessons (Character Development)	A reflective and moral lesson drawn from the book of Isaiah, encouraging character development and spiritual reflection.
Tuesday	Health Spot (Physical	Practical health and well-being tips, promoting a healthy lifestyle, with a spiritual perspective on taking care of the

	& Mental Well-being)	body as a temple of God.
Wednesday	Class Worship	Class-based Bible study focusing on moral lessons, led by teachers, to encourage personal reflection and application of Christian virtues.
Thursday	Bible Quiz	Interactive and engaging Bible quiz based on the week's lessons to reinforce learning and foster teamwork.
Friday	Celebration of Achievement	Celebration of individual and class achievements. This includes recognition of moral, academic, and spiritual growth, as well as quiz results and character awards.

5. Themes for Collective Worship

The Eden School's **Collective Worship themes** are carefully planned for each half term. The overarching themes focus on **spiritual growth**, **character development**, and **moral responsibility**. Each theme aligns with our biblical values and helps foster a deeper understanding of Christian living. The themes for the year include:

- **Autumn 1: Conquerors Are We**– Understanding perseverance and faith in times of challenge.
- **Autumn 2: Dreams**– Exploring purpose, vision, and God's calling for our lives.
- **Spring 1: I Rise**– Focusing on personal and spiritual growth, rising above adversity.
- **Spring 2: Unity**– Promoting community spirit, teamwork, and respect for others.
- **Summer 1: Overcomer**– Reflecting on overcoming obstacles and spiritual resilience.
- **Summer 2: Celebration and Achievements**– Reflecting on the blessings of the year, celebrating both personal and communal achievements.

6. Worship Activities

Collective Worship at The Eden School includes a variety of **engaging and reflective activities** designed to meet the spiritual, moral, and emotional needs of all pupils. These may include:

- **Bible Readings:** Bible passages relevant to the theme of the week, with reflection and practical application.
- **Music and Singing:** Christian songs and hymns to encourage worship and community spirit.
- **Drama and Role-Playing:** Students re-enact Bible stories or moral lessons to engage with the content in a creative way.
- **Prayer and Reflection:** Time for quiet reflection, prayers for guidance, thanksgiving, and intercession.
- **Guest Speakers:** Visits from local pastors, faith leaders, or community figures to provide spiritual insight and encourage personal growth.

7. Character Development Focus

The core of The Eden School's **Collective Worship** programme is to foster **character development** in line with Christian virtues. Each worship session encourages pupils to develop attributes such as:

- **Kindness**
- **Compassion**

- **Honesty**
- **Perseverance**
- **Courage**
- **Respect**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Humility**

These virtues are taught through **stories, discussion, reflection, and real-life applications**. Pupils are encouraged to practice these values in their daily lives, both at school and at home.

8. Assessment of Spiritual and Moral Growth

Assessment of students' engagement with collective worship and character development is integrated into the school's spiritual and moral development programme. Assessments are based on:

- **Participation in discussions:** Verbal contributions during collective worship and class discussions.
 - **Engagement in practical activities:** Involvement in drama, role-playing, and other activities during worship sessions.
 - **Verbal feedback and reflection:** Teachers assess students' ability to reflect on the moral lessons learned and their application in daily life.
 - **Weekly Bible Quizzes:** Thursday's Bible quizzes assess knowledge retention and understanding of spiritual concepts.
 - **Recognition during Celebrations:** Students are awarded for their demonstration of moral growth and spiritual understanding during Friday celebrations.
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9. Inclusion and Diversity

At The Eden School, **Collective Worship** is designed to be **inclusive** of all pupils, regardless of their religious or non-religious backgrounds. While worship is Christian in nature, we ensure that it respects and acknowledges the diversity of faiths and beliefs represented within our school community.

We celebrate major religious festivals and ensure that **collective worship fosters respect** for different cultures and faiths. Our worship is a place where all students feel valued and respected.

10. Withdrawal from Collective Worship

Parents and carers have the legal right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. If a parent wishes to do so, they should meet with the Headteacher to discuss their concerns. Requests for withdrawal must be made in writing. Alternative provisions will be made for pupils who are withdrawn from worship.

11. Monitoring and Evaluation

The implementation of this **Collective Worship Policy** will be monitored by the **SLT Lead** and the **Governors** to ensure that it meets the spiritual, moral, and emotional needs of the pupils. Evaluations will be conducted annually, with feedback from staff, pupils, and parents used to inform improvements and updates to the policy.

The policy will be reviewed every **two years** by the **Board of Governors** to ensure its ongoing relevance and effectiveness.

Conclusion

The Eden School's **Collective Worship** programme is central to our mission of nurturing pupils in their **spiritual journey** and character development. Through daily worship, we aim to create a sense of **community, moral responsibility**, and **spiritual growth** that will guide pupils through their time at school and beyond.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”(Proverbs 22

