



Collective Worship Policy

Polisi Addoli ar y Cyd

This Collective Worship Policy conforms to the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988 and the Welsh Office Circular 10/94.

Aim

The aim of the Collective Worship is

- to provide the opportunity for all students to worship God, to consider moral and spiritual 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, watching and joining in the worship offered;
- to develop community spirit, promote a common ethos and shared values, and reinforce positive attitudes.

What is Collective Worship?

At Elfed High School, collective worship will reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief without being distinctive of any particular Christian denomination.

It must reflect something special or separate from ordinary school activities and should be concerned with reverence or veneration paid to a divine being or power.

Collective worship is different to an assembly. It may be part of an assembly but distinct from any other activities taking place.

Components of Collective Worship

Collective worship may contain any or all of these aspects:

- Reflection on an appropriate stimulus, such as the 'thought for the day', reading from the Bible or other religious writing
- Prayer (pray out loud or in silence)
- Song
- Reading

Implementation

The school will publish a theme and prayer for the week in advance. Students will contribute their thoughts for the day based on the chosen theme. Tutors will use the published material as a starting point for the collective worship in their tutor group. Heads of Learning / learning Director will include a collective act of worship in all services / assemblies. Students may be involved or even take the lead.

Exemption

- Parents may request that their child is excused from collective worship. The school is responsible for supervising the student and may provide an alternative act of worship if appropriate.
- Sixth form students may excuse themselves (Educations and Inspections Bill 2006).
- Teachers have the right to withdraw from collective worship.