

Sketty Primary School
Act of Worship

September 2025

Article 6: You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe

Erthygl 6: Ni ddylech gael eich niweidio a dylech gael gofal a'ch cadw'n ddiogel.

1. Introduction and Aims

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is at the heart of our school's planning, policies, practice and ethos. As a rights-respecting school, we not only teach about children's rights but also model rights and respect in all relationships. Our belief in "restorative approaches" ensures that every child is listened to and there is a response. Collective worship is an educational activity, which is on par with the rest of the school curriculum. Collective worship is distinct from and is no substitute for the teaching of RSE in the classroom.

At Sketty Primary School, pupils take part in a daily act of collective worship, and other arrangements are made for those pupils who are exempt. The assembly will contain English and/ or Welsh hymns and prayers.

This policy outlines the arrangements for collective worship at Sketty Primary School, in accordance with Welsh legislation and guidance. Collective worship is a statutory requirement and plays a vital role in the spiritual, moral, and cultural development of pupils.

2. Legal Context

Under the Education Reform Act 1988 and subsequent Welsh Government guidance, all maintained schools in Wales must provide a daily act of collective worship. This worship should be:

- Wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character, unless a determination has been granted by the local SACRE.
- Inclusive and appropriate to the age, ability, and background of pupils.

3. Aims of Collective Worship

The aims of collective worship at Sketty Primary School are to:

- Foster a sense of community and belonging.
- Provide opportunities for spiritual reflection and growth.
- Promote values such as respect, compassion, and responsibility.
- Celebrate the diversity of beliefs and cultures within our school and wider community.

4. Organisation and Content

Collective worship takes place daily, either as a whole school, in key stages, or in class groups. Worship may include stories, music, reflection, prayer, and celebration of achievements.

Themes are planned termly and may reflect our work as a Rights Respecting School, awareness days and the work of children's committees.

Worship is broadly Christian in nature but also reflects the multicultural and multi-faith context of Wales. Pupils are encouraged to participate actively and respectfully.

At Sketty Primary School, there is much for which to be thankful, much to praise, much to hope for and request, and we introduce these elements in our assemblies. We endeavour to teach the children to reflect on serious affairs and offer them the chance to respond through a variety of activities: songs, music making, hymns, drama, role-play, the visual arts, silent thought/reflection, prayer and discussion.

5. Roles and Resposibilities

- The Headteacher oversees the implementation of this policy.
- The SLT plan and evaluates worship themes and content.
- Staff contribute to the delivery of worship and model respectful engagement.
- The Governing Body monitors compliance and supports the ethos of collective worship.

6. Right of Withdrawal

Parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from collective worship. Requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher.

Arrangements are made for those children who are withdrawn from collective worship. They are given appropriate work and supervised in the activity room by members of staff. Staff, equally, have the right to withdraw from collective worship.

As part of our overarching aim for pupils to fulfil their full potential across the curriculum we will endeavour to ensure that all children are given the necessary support to access learning in this area in line with our equal opportunity and disability scheme

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body. Feedback from pupils, staff, and parents will inform updates.

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