



**Marazion School
Collective Worship Policy**

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Attached as Appendix 1 is an example collective worship timetable.

Attached as Appendix 2 are examples of precepts.

Introduction

At Marazion School we believe that character education is an important part of our bespoke creative curriculum and it is essential that pupils leave our school as responsible, happy global citizens. We believe meeting together (as a class or a whole school) gives pupils and staff an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the ethos of the school and to constantly remind everyone that brilliant citizenship is an integral part of our school. There is a daily act of collective worship (assembly or circle time).

Aims

The aims of collective worship at Marazion School are:

- To promote and develop the common values which underpin the life of the school;
- To promote democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs;
- To celebrate diversity, including protected characteristics
- To contribute to opportunities which the school provides for the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of pupils;
- To provide opportunities for pupils and staff to share, celebrate, and express their beliefs, and to reflect together.

In the light of these aims, collective worship should:

- Be pupil centred, related to their own experiences;
- Acknowledge diversity and affirm those present, whatever their faith or non-faith background, respecting the integrity of pupils and teachers;
- Involve those present as active participants;
- Foster a sense of community – a sense of shared values, identity, outlook, ethos and purpose (see *Marazion Manners*);
- Provide a breathing space and quiet time in the busy whirl of school activity, a time to gather, be still and reflect, a time to refresh the spirit;
- Provide an atmosphere that is conducive to allow worship to take place – including music, a visual focus, an appropriate setting all helping to create this special atmosphere and a sense of occasion;
- Provide pupils with opportunities for reflection on the significance of the spiritual dimension of their own and others;
- Be open enough for pupils to respond to the spiritual dimension, while accepting that some pupils will make no personal response;

Organisation

Our school is a naturally diverse community where everyone has an opportunity to thrive. Being different is the thing we have in common. There is so much more that unites us than divides us.

Themes for collective worship are linked to a programme of study designed to make links with PSHE themes and fundamental values as well as themes of learning across the whole school.

School staff and visitors lead collective worship. Visitors to the school include:

- Rev Nigel from All Saints Church, Marazion
- Local Surf Club, Global Boarders
- Beach Safety Officers
- Local Community Police
- Parents
- Governors

An example timetable for half termly Collective Worship is attached at Appendix 1.

There is also a half termly PRECEPT. Precepts are rules about really important things similar to a motto, a famous quote, a saying or a ground rule – which help to motivate and/or guide us. A precept is anything that helps us to make decisions about really important things. Precepts encourage pupils and adults to reflect on WHO WE ARE! This is the question that we should be asking ourselves all the time. What kind of a person am I?

Example precepts are attached at Appendix 2.

Resources

- Assembly Board
- Timetable displayed including focus for collective worship and links to circle times
- A range of books offering stories and themes
- A selection of prayers from a range of faiths
- A range of music from around the world and through different times in history

Equal Opportunities and Special Educational Needs

Collective worship will be all-inclusive, accessible to all children regardless of gender or educational needs.

Withdrawal

The main aim of collective worship is for it to be meaningful for all pupils, whether from a faith background or not. However, if the parent of a pupil requests that their child be wholly or partly excluded from attendance at collective worship, the pupil shall be excused until the request is withdrawn. The request should be made in writing to the Headteacher. Pupils withdrawn will have time for quiet reflection on their own.