



Collective Worship Policy

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Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust

Inclusive Invitational Inspiring

Introduction

At Ackworth Howard School, we are dedicated to offering high-quality collective worship that is deeply rooted in our vision inspired by the story of the Good Shepherd. Like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we strive to guide our students to 'live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) by nurturing their mind, body, and spirit. Our approach to collective worship reflects this commitment, creating a space where our community can grow together in understanding and faith.

Collective Worship and the Law

Our collective worship, grounded in our Anglican identity, seeks to reflect the nurturing and guiding principles of the Good Shepherd. We aim to provide worship experiences that are inclusive, invitational, and inspiring, mirroring the welcoming and caring nature of the Good Shepherd in our practices.

Inclusive

In line with the example of the Good Shepherd, who cares for each sheep individually, our worship at Ackworth Howard is designed to be fully accessible to all members of our school community, irrespective of their faith or belief backgrounds. We ensure that everyone feels included and valued, mirroring the inclusive love of the Good Shepherd.

Invitational

Our worship is invitational, reflecting the Good Shepherd's call to follow. We create a warm and open environment where all are welcome to engage with the worship experience at their own comfort level, respecting the diversity of our school community.

Inspiring

Inspired by the story of the Good Shepherd, our worship aims to be transformational, guiding pupils and adults to reflect on their values, beliefs, and actions. We aspire to instill in our community the qualities of the Good Shepherd - care, courage, and compassion - motivating them to make a positive difference in the world.

Aims and Objectives

Aligned with our vision of following the example of the Good Shepherd, our worship aims to nurture the whole child - mind, body, and spirit. We regularly review our objectives to ensure they align with this vision and are effectively implemented, monitored, and quality assured through the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS).

Provision

Our daily worship practices at Ackworth Howard are moments for the school community to come

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together, step away from daily routines, and reflect on our shared values, inspired by the Good Shepherd's teachings.

Developing Staff Expertise and Knowledge

To embody the caring and guiding role of the Good Shepherd in our worship, we invest in training and developing our staff and pupil worship leaders, ensuring that they are equipped to lead worship in a way that reflects our school's vision and values.

Collective Worship and Growing Faith

Embracing the 'Growing Faith adventure', we foster a nurturing environment akin to the Good Shepherd, encouraging partnerships and 'faith talk' within our school, church, and household communities