



THOMAS'S CLAPHAM ASSEMBLY AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Our Church, Assembly, Circle Time and Values education programmes are central to the lives of children at Thomas's Clapham. Our belief is that it is not enough to simply have people around; all children should feel a sense of belonging.

The aim of these combined assemblies and collective worship opportunities, is to ensure children know what to do and how to behave appropriately when no one is looking, The Better Clapham Way.

Weekly church services, assemblies, circle time and Inspiring Living lessons provide opportunities for children to make emotional connections with others and create the social bonds that keep us connected as a community.

Through explicitly and actively teaching values education pro social behaviours are reinforced and children's thinking is shifted from 'knowing good' to 'doing good'. Additionally opportunities to discuss and actively promote British Values are sought in all that we do.

PROCEDURES

The Lower, Middle and Upper School have an age specific assembly and collective worship programme which is created by the staff at Thomas's Clapham every term. Each week one of the nine school values is nominated to be the value of the week which is the focus of all gatherings. Staff, pupils, parents and friends of the Thomas's community all host and lead assemblies and collective worship opportunities.

Every week, all year groups will have the opportunity to participate in and experience:

- a form based circle time
- a church service
- a year group meeting
- a house meeting

This programme is led and managed by the Deputy Head – Community and Welfare.

The school has close links with St Luke's Church and aims to have services in church once per week for the Prep School and once per half term for the Lower School.

See also: Behaviour Policy, Code of Conduct, SMSC Policy
 Clapham Recognition and Consequences Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually		
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