



## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

### **PHILOSOPHY**

We believe that collective worship should be a meaningful, spiritual activity which reflects and nurtures the caring ethos of the school. We recognise that the school is a multi-cultural community.

### **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the 1988 Educational Reform Act all children must take part in a daily act of collective worship either as a whole school or as part of the school. This should be "wholly or mainly" of a broadly Christian character.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Religious Education, Collective Worship or both if they so wish. The same rights of withdrawal apply to teachers, notwithstanding that, for teachers "attending assemblies" is identified as a professional duty in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

### **AIMS**

Collective worship contributes to the spiritual and moral development of children. It is a means of reaching out to the local, national and world-wide community.

Worship is understood in a broad sense and aims to:

- develop the feeling of belonging that is essential for personal and spiritual development.
- foster a sense of fellowship and community by bringing together pupils with a wide variety of beliefs and cultures.
- develop tolerance and respect for each other.
- focus on widely held values and encourage a reflective approach to life.
- develop spiritual and moral awareness in our children.
- introduce children to aspects of religious worship in an honest and open atmosphere.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

We believe that Assembly should be a time to share and celebrate.

In order to develop meaningful collective worship we will endeavour to:

- provide a daily act of collective worship for all children.
- provide opportunities for children to take part and share with a wider audience .
- provide opportunities to celebrate special occasions together.
- provide opportunities to draw attention to and celebrate differences and similarities between Faith Communities.
- provide opportunities for the school to develop links with the community.
- provide opportunities to encourage a reflective approach to living and to sometimes look more closely at those aspects of life we take for granted.
- provide opportunities to consider various emotions that we feel such as sorrow, bereavement, cruelty and selfishness both for others and ourselves.
- provide opportunities to receive awards to promote a positive and praiseworthy approach towards all aspects of their education.

## **ORGANISATION**

We have decided on the following weekly timetable for collective worship which allows for a variety of groupings and approaches:

Monday	Whole school at 9.15am Headteacher
Tuesday	Whole school 9.15am Singing Assembly- Music Lead
Wednesday	Class assemblies/KS2 assembly Alternate weeks
Thursday	Class assemblies/KS1 assembly Open The Book (currently fortnightly)
Friday	Family Assembly for the school at 9.05am. HT or classes

Additionally we welcome some visiting Church Groups and other guests to lead assemblies.

This policy will be reviewed annually. Last review - Feb 2016