

Learning for Ourselves, Respect, We Can



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Collective Worship Policy

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered

Statutory Duty of School

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been **withdrawn by their parents**). This is usually provided within a daily assembly.

The headteacher is responsible (under the School Standard and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the headteacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly or class time, will:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- be planned for around our Value system
- Celebrate festivals from around the world and from different cultures
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve the pupils
- Use music and singing in a spiritual way
- Will sometimes be led by visitors to the school

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy regularly and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.