
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Collective worship forms an essential part of our school life. In accordance with the values of the school, which are concerned with mutual respect, cultural diversity and social inclusion, collective worship will be of a broadly Christian character. It will include all pupils unless they have been withdrawn by their parents. All maintained schools are required to provide collective worship for pupils except for those who have been withdrawn by their parents. It is usually part of a daily assembly. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. There are times when a 'thought for the day' will prevail. As from February 9th 2009 there is no longer a requirement for a daily act of collective worship to take place for Sixth Form students who choose to withdraw themselves from this provision.

AIMS

The goal of collective worship is to provide opportunities for pupils to:

- worship God;
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs;
- Reinforce the values of the school community and its ethos;
- consider spiritual and moral issues;
- respond to the worship offered.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

- be acceptable to the school community, staff and pupils;
- include a variety of elements at different times;
- involve pupils and external speakers as appropriate.

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- The Governing Body is consulted about the broad nature and arrangements for collective worship;
- A daily act of collective worship is provided;
- Parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from collective worship. Parents are required to notify the school, in writing, if they wish their child to be withdrawn.

All members of **staff** are encouraged to participate in and make an active contribution to collective worship, and encourage pupils to become actively involved.

The **Governing Body** will review the policy annually and will be informed of the number of requests for exceptions.

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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

Date established by governing body: 13th November 2007

Date reviewed: 4th November 2009

Date reviewed: 11th December 2013

Next review date: December 2014