

**Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth
Queen Elizabeth High School**



Moving Forward Together

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Curriculum, Staffing and Pastoral Committee
Date established by Governing Body: 13th November 2007

Responsible Person – Mrs Lisa Jones
Designated role – Deputy Headteacher

Chair of Governors signature – Jeremy Griffith
Date – 6th November 2024
Next review – Autumn Term 2027

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INTRODUCTION

The Education Reform Act 1988 and the Welsh Office Circular 10/94 set out the legal requirements for collective worship in schools in Wales.

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 It will include all pupils unless they have been withdrawn by their parents.

All maintained schools are required to provide collective worship for pupils except for those who have been withdrawn by their parents.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. During form time when there is no assembly, pupils will take part in a 'Daily Act of Collective Worship' (DACW) which may include a 'Thought for the Day' or 'Reflection'.

There is no requirement for a daily act of collective worship to take place for Sixth Form students who choose to withdraw themselves from this provision.

REQUIREMENTS (Estyn 2017)

- Schools must provide collective worship daily for all registered pupils
- Most acts of collective worship in each term should be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character; this means that they should reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief without being distinctive of any particular Christian denomination
- Collective worship can take place at any time during the school day
- Collective worship can be provided to pupils in any sized group, for example, as a class, a year group, a phase group or a whole-school community
- Collective worship should take account of the family backgrounds, ages and aptitudes of the pupils involved

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 periodically or when there is legislative change.

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The school will review this policy periodically or when there is legislative change. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.