



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All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents).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 Head teacher is responsible for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing board. 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 head teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Collective worship in foundation schools with a religious character and voluntary schools will be in accordance with the school's trust deed. Where provision is not made by a trust deed, the worship should be in accordance with the beliefs of the religion or denomination specified for the school.

Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time, will

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- Include a variety of elements at different times
- Involve the pupils

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy every 2 years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The Policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

Other Religions

Where required groups of children with different religious belief to the majority of children and whom are excluded from collective worship on request of parents will be provided with opportunities to undertake their own collective worship.