

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

| Equality Impact Assessment required? | Yes / <u>No</u> |
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| If yes, date of EIA | |
| Approver: | ESB |
| Next review: | Summer 2027 |

Collective Worship Policy

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

- Worship God;
- Reflect on the 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 Trust

All schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents).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 CEO/Head of School is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the local 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 CEO/Head of School 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 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 Trust will review this policy every 3 years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Trust.