



# Be The Change

'BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD'

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### **POLICY ON COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

The 1988 Education Act provides for both R.E. and collective worship. They are separate activities, although they can often reinforce each other. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. Parents do not have to give their reasons for withdrawing children, but should be encouraged to discuss this with the Headteacher who may be able to allay any concerns and point out the adverse implications of removing children. Children who are withdrawn from Collective Worship will be sent to a quiet area with appropriate work.

#### **ORGANISATION**

At our school, we hold acts of collective worship, which are non-denominational but are of a broadly Christian character, reflecting the traditions of Christian belief. There are whole school assemblies each day. A variety of assemblies are taken by the teachers on a rota or by visitors from local churches and other organisations.

#### **AIMS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

In our acts of collective worship we aim to:

- Foster a sense of fellowship and belonging
- Foster a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty, mystery and power of the natural world
- Allow reflection on fundamental questions of life
- Provide opportunities for celebration and thanksgiving
- Foster concern for the needs of others
- Provide a time for sharing success
- Foster the feeling of being part of a caring community
- Contribute to the religious education of all pupils
- Introduce pupils to various aspects of religious worship, give them confidence in their own tradition and help them to value the tradition of others.

## **ELEMENTS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Acts of collective worship can include many elements. Some of these are:

### **Music, Songs & Hymns**

Music can help to set the scene and create an appropriate atmosphere. It can be listened to, so helping pupils to reflect.

### **Sacred Scriptures, Stories**

It is important to remember to choose stories/passages that are appropriate to the age of the pupils.

### **Prayer and Reflection**

To most people prayer is the central part of worship. Prayer can involve words, but doesn't necessarily have to. Prayer can be a still and quiet reflection. We must also be aware of the rituals of prayer. Although we ask our pupils to put their hands together and close their eyes, we must remember to respect the traditions of prayer in other religions.

Signed:

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