

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Introduction

In collective worship the ethos, needs and values, which are recognised as being important to our community and to the individual, will be affirmed and celebrated.

The Aims of the Policy are:

- to establish the basic principles that will guide and inform collective worship in the school
- to ensure that acts of collective worship provide opportunities for the school community of diverse individuals from different family and faith backgrounds to meet together

The Policy:

The school will ensure that:

- The majority of acts of collective worship will reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief but will not be reflective of any particular Christian denomination and need not contain only Christian material. This should also be consistent with a view of an 'open' education.
- In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988, arrangements will be made for all students (13-19) to take part in daily collective worship by:
 - Students meeting together for this purpose in House Groups.
 - The acts of collective worship normally taking place during tutor time through discussion of the 'Themes for the Week' and may also occur at other times when the occasion demands.
- Collective worship will mean that there is scope for a variety of responses by those present, thereby distinguishing it from corporate worship such as in a church service.

Supplements:

Collective Worship Procedure
Themes for the Week