

## Wren's Nest Primary School - Collective Worship Policy

Reviewed February 2016

**"Collective Worship should promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of the pupils at the school taking into account their family background, age and aptitude and to prepare such pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life" (1988 Education Act)**

### **Aim of the 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All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents).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 provided at Wren's Nest within a daily assembly - the format and structure of which is varied throughout the week (refer to appendix 1).

The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging this daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. The daily collective worship is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. At Wren's Nest we have a strong focus on developing shared values (including the promotion of British Values) and our ethos through the school assemblies. Through assemblies we also promote and use opportunities to raise self-esteem and celebrate success. The precise nature of the daily collective worship varies and is appropriate for the age of the children (refer to appendix 1 for specific assembly rota)

### **Implementation**

Collective worship, whether in assembly (whole school / key stage specific) or at a specific time within class, will:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve the pupils.

Each month Paul Wilmott, sponsored by Eve Lane Church, presents an assembly for KS1 and KS2. These assemblies are Christian based and focus on a practical every day context with a link to a bible story. The children enjoy these assemblies which are always presented in a lively and participative manner and are accessible to all children. Children are invited to join in with the prayer at the end of the assembly if they choose to agree with the words.

### **Information for parents**

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from collective worship. Provision will be made for these children during assembly. The head teacher is happy to discuss the format and structure of assemblies with parents and would be keen to do this prior to a parents decision to withdraw a child from assemblies.

### **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

This policy is reviewed annually and was reviewed by the Curriculum & Standards committee on 11th February 2016.

### **Appendix 1**

	<u>KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
Monday	Big Talk Assembly	Big Talk Assembly
Tuesday	Hymn / Song time	Hymn / Song time
Wednesday	Achievement assembly	Achievement Assembly
Thursday	Staff led assembly	Staff led assembly
Friday	Whole school assembly presented by a class	

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