



# Collective Worship Policy

"Everyone who works with children should do what is in the best interests of the child."

Article 3 United Nations Rights of the Child

## Definition of Collective Worship

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

## Aims of Collective Worship

### For the School:

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Trinity School and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- reflect on the values of the school along side the values of courage, responsibility, compassion, trust, perseverance, creativity, service, hope, friendship, thankfulness, respect,
- celebrate all types of work undertaken by children in all areas of the curriculum;
- share in all the achievements, joys and difficulties of all members of the school and local community, e.g. welcoming new children to schools, school leavers' service in the summer term;
- develop a community spirit
- take note of events in the wider world, celebrating and giving thanks, expressing joy or sorrow as appropriate.

### For the Pupils:

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- reflect on that which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- develop their own spirituality
- reflect on the direction of their lives
- reinforce positive attitudes
- consider the wonders and worries of the world

Whole School assemblies held on Friday will reflect school values and we will seek to give children opportunities to explore, develop and reflect on various issues. Key Stage Assemblies held on Monday are an opportunity to take note of the events in the world and reflect our teaching of PSHE. Celebrations will be held in each assembly.

Children may be withdrawn from R.E. lessons at the wish of their parents. The Head teacher will ensure that suitable provision is made for such pupils.