



# COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

**September 2023**

Date for Review: September 2024

Signed: *AC Benbow*

Ratified by Chair of Governors ..... Date 04/09/2023.....

### **The aims and purpose of collective worship are:**

- As Christian worship in a Church of England school we think about the mystery of God and give praise and honour to God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- To develop an understanding and use of liturgy
- To provide an opportunity for children to consider religion and their own response
- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs
- To develop in children a sense of community and to encourage participation and response
- To promote a common ethos and to reinforce positive attitudes within school

### **The place of collective worship in the life of our school**

Our collective worship takes into account the religious and education needs of all who share in it:

- Those who form part of the worshipping community in our local church
- Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of church
- Those from other Christian traditions
- Those from other faith backgrounds
- Those of no faith

It will be an educational activity or experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain.

Although we encourage all children to participate in collective worship, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused and the school will make alternative arrangements.

### **Planning, content and delivery of collective worship**

Collective worship is planned:

- Following a structure with reference to the church's seasons, significant dates and the curriculum
- Involving consultation with appropriate parties and reference to school aims and policies
- With flexibility to respond to changing situations within the school and the wider community
- All leadership and teaching staff are involved in leading Collective Worship
- Collective Worship is a daily event in school
- All classes are involved in leading a class assembly

- All children during their time in school have the opportunity to be involved in leading assemblies to celebrate the church's main liturgical festivals of Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. (See appendix 3 for how this is organised.)
- There is weekly Collective Worship the local Parish church, led by the vicar and other parishioners, which strengthen the school's relationship with both the church and the local community.

### **Monitoring and evaluation of collective worship**

The school's provision of worship is monitored and regularly evaluated by the PSED team to consider whether it is fulfilling the above requirements and meeting the needs of the pupils in an engaging and stimulating way.