



WEST BYFLEET INFANT SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy Reviewed Spring 2014

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- begin to develop an understanding of other cultures & religions
- 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. This is usually provided within a daily assembly.

Should parents wish to withdraw their children from the daily collective worship; they are advised to contact the Headteacher.

The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. It also needs to encompass other world faiths. The precise nature of the content of the worship will depend on the family backgrounds, ages and abilities of the pupils.

Implementation:

Collective worship, whether in assembly or class time, will:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- include a variety of elements at different times, including music and time for reflection
- involve the pupils
- include visitors such as the local vicar, SCAT team and parents from other faiths
- be based on SEAL and Values Education themes
- include time for celebration of achievements and learning

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review:

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

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