



Thorndown

Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

Our aspiration is that Thorndown Primary will be an outstanding school.

We value and respect everyone in our community and work as a team to:

- Provide learning experiences which support and inspire high achievement for all ;
- Ensure a caring, safe and welcoming environment;
- Promote co-operative and responsible attitudes to make a positive contribution;
- Actively encourage independence and confidence to thrive in a changing world.

“Happy, Healthy, High Achievers”

Approved at Learning & Development committee meeting on: 12 January 2017

Review Period: Every 2 years

Date for next review: Autumn 2018

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The Purpose of this Policy

Collective worship forms an essential part of the School policy on the curriculum. In accordance with the values of the School, which are concerned with mutual respect, cultural diversity and social inclusion, collective worship will be of a broadly Christian character. It will include all pupils, unless their parents have withdrawn them.

Collective worship will provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- ▶ worship a supreme being
- ▶ reflect and actively participate
- ▶ reinforce the values of the school community and its ethos
- ▶ celebrate successes

Relationship to Other Policies

The Policy should be read in conjunction with the Curriculum, Complaints Against the Curriculum, Equal Opportunities and Race Equality Policies.

Roles & Responsibilities of Governors

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- ▶ the Governing Body's consulted about the broad nature and arrangements for collective worship
- ▶ a daily act of collective worship is provided
- ▶ alternative provision is made for pupils whose parents request that they do not attend the collective worship

All Staff are expected to participate in and make an active contribution to collective worship and encourage pupils to become actively involved. Teachers may withdraw from assemblies which have a collective worship theme, unless they have been employed to manage or teach RE. An application to withdraw must be given in writing to the Head teacher and chair of governors.

The Governing Body will consider, before approving the arrangements for collective worship, any requests for exceptions.

Arrangements for Monitoring and Evaluation

The Learning & Development Committee will receive a report from the Headteacher from time to time on the themes covered in the daily acts of collective worship and how they complement the School's aims and values.