



# COLLINGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Collective Worship Policy

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### Our Staff and Governors' Vision Statement

At Collingwood children and adults work together in a safe, well disciplined, exciting environment where **all** pupils feel valued and are expected to make good or outstanding progress

Our staff, pupils and parents have high expectations and ensure that pupils produce work of increasing quality, develop their individual strengths, achieve their personal goals and challenges and realise their full potential as lifelong learners and responsible citizens in our global community.

*"We live our lives with arms and minds wide open"*

# Collingwood Primary School's Policy for Collective Worship

Collingwood primary School will comply with the requirements set out in the 1988 Education Reform Act regarding collective worship and take into account any guidance offered by Essex Local Authority.

## Our Definition of Collective Worship:

An act of collective worship will take place every day. The time at which this takes place and the form of the collective worship (whole school, Key Stage, vertical and age related groupings) may vary from day to day but generally it is a time when staff and pupils will gather together in order to reflect on common concerns, interests, issues, celebrations and values providing opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The majority of the acts of collective worship will be "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character" however, the cultures and beliefs of our current pupils and National events, festivals and customs will also be celebrated. Assemblies will be based around a chosen theme, the school's core values, British Values, local or national events or the achievements of our pupils.

Content could include, literature such as stories or poems, pupils' work, music, film clips, discussion and audience participation.

## Leadership of Collective Worship:

All teachers will lead assemblies. Local faith representatives, pupils and their families and National organisations such as charities may be invited to lead assemblies from time to time, increasing pupils awareness of, promoting respect for and raising the self-esteem of our pupils.

## The right to withdraw:

Whilst fully complying with the law, the school will be sensitive to the fact that not all children will come from religious families. Children will be given the option of "saying a prayer" or "thinking about the words being said" but every assembly will contain a period of silent reflection.

Following consultation with the head teacher, parents have the right to request that their child should be withdrawn from the daily act of collective worship.