



*Hand in Hand we learn*

## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

**In our Collective Worship we aim to reflect the Christian foundation and values of our school, particularly our core values 'love' and 'serve'. We are inclusive and respect all members of our school community.**

### **We aim:**

- To develop faith.
- To enrich the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- To help children appreciate that the world is created by God.
- To lead by Christian example
- To enable pupils to understand the Bible as a source of knowledge, inspiration and teaching.

### **Delivering Collective Worship**

- Daily Worship is organised for the entire school (though on a Tuesday this is delivered in separate classes) and may be led by staff, visitors or pupils. Staff attend worship and any volunteer helpers in school or visitors are invited to join us.
- Children are encouraged to worship in a variety of ways, through prayer, music, Bible readings and other stories, drama and to develop their spirituality.
- Worship is planned according to 4 stages – gather, engage, respond, send.
- We value the close link between Church and school. When we have a Parish Priest they lead worship on a regular basis in school and Church.
- We celebrate the significant Christian festivals
- We invite Clergy into school, particularly when we are interregnum.
- We are delighted to receive and accept invitations from the Diocese to events and special services.

### **Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation of Collective Worship**

- The teachers, together, and Worship Council plan worship themes to promote Christian Values. Some years this follows Journey Through the Bible or a similar plan.
- In addition pupils are asked on a regular basis to contribute to worship if they wish, through the respond part of worship but also by leading elements of worship.

Collective Worship follows the teaching of the Church of England. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from worship but this is not encouraged as it deprives the children of a special part of the school day and they are part of our Church school family.

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