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## **Collective Worship Policy**

Shirland Primary School

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## Collective Worship

Worship is an important part of the school day as it gives us the opportunity to come together as a school community.

We recognise that Collective Worship is an important time in providing opportunities for our children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

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

- develop a sense of awe and wonder about the world
- affirm positive values such as honesty and self-sacrifice
- encourage responsibility for making personal decisions
- celebrating achievements and special occasions
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- respond to the worship offered
- develop an understanding of protected characteristics
- developing their understanding of British Values (democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those different faiths and beliefs)

## Statutory Duty of School

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have **withdrawn by their parents**). This is usually provided within a daily assembly. The Headteacher 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. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils.

## Organisation

Daily collective worship, whether in assembly or class time will take place as follows:

Day	Time	Lead	Theme
Monday	10.15am	Mrs Harrison (Deputy Head)	PSHE/British Values themes
Tuesday	10.15am	Mrs Banks	Singing assembly
Wednesday	10.15am	Teaching staff	Theme of the week
Thursday	10.15am	Mrs Dolman (Deputy Head)	Singing assembly
Friday	2.45pm	Mrs Needham (Headteacher)	Celebration Assembly with families

On Monday and Wednesday, collective worship will be multi-faith based and cover PSHE topics as well as relevant dates from the calendar (e.g. Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Black History Month etc.)

During Tuesday and Thursday's assemblies, all children will be sharing in a vocal celebration of the theme covered that week.

Friday's collective worship will take the form of a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the outcomes and successes of the week as well as sharing the song the children have practised that week.

### **Visitors**

We are fortunate to have a strong link with our local church group who come to lead 'Open The Book' worship once a half term. We also take part in church events throughout the year including a celebration at the end of the school year which is led by the vicar along with the Headteacher.

We often have other visitors throughout the year who support children's curriculum learning; PSHE topics or current events that are happening in school.

### **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The school will review this policy every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.