

## St Cuthbert's C.E. Primary School - Collective Worship Policy

At St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary School collective worship plays a very important role in the life of the school. It provides an opportunity to promote the Christian foundation of our school, to celebrate and support all aspects of school life and to provide time for stillness and reflection.

### ETHOS OF THE SCHOOL:

Recognising its historic foundation, the School will preserve its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and its partnership with the church at parish and diocesan level. The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers its pupils.

### AIMS:

- To promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural diversity.
- To provide opportunities for the children to participate in acts of worship at their own level.
- To help the children to understand the nature and language of worship.
- To provide an educational, moral and spiritual dimension to the whole school curriculum by offering the opportunity to explore, extend, share and deepen the children's level of spiritual experience.
- To provide an opportunity for children to develop their sense of community in relation to home, school and the wider community.
- To promote the ethos and shared values of the school.
- To explore Christianity whilst fostering a respect for people of all races & religions.

### ATTITUDES:

We aim to engender in the children:

- A sense of beauty, awe and wonder.
- Feelings of belonging.
- Respect for others regardless of gender, social, racial or cultural differences.
- A sense of pride in oneself & the achievements of others
- A sense of empathy, compassion and consideration for others.
- A sense of thankfulness.

**ORGANISATION:**

Collective Worship takes place daily following the schedule below. Themes reflect the Christian Church Year and festivals of other major religions, P.S.H.C.E. themes from the S.E.A.L. materials, & other issues which are topical or relate to other aspects of school life.

A Collective Worship record will be kept in the School Office.

The current schedule for Worship Time is:

Monday a.m. - Year 1-6

Tuesday a.m. - Years 1-6 Worship Songs practise with prayer/reflection time

Wednesday a.m. - Year1-6 - Led by our local Vicar - Father Darryl

Thursday a.m.- Year 1-6 (Once a fortnight 'Open the Book' worship led by the local Methodist Church in the Dale group)

Friday - FS & KS1 worship & birthday celebration

Friday - p.m. Whole school celebration assembly with prayer/reflection time

Acts of collective worship will usually last between 15 and 30 minutes.

Reception children will have class based worship/reflection time at an appropriate time in the day.

As appropriate worship may be led by other invited guests who are not members of staff.

**RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL:**

The school complies with the legal requirement to provide a daily act of worship for all pupils. However parents have a right to withdraw their pupils from this activity if they should so wish. In this case they should contact the Head Teacher.

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Signed by Chair .....

Date .....