



## Naseby CE Primary Academy

### Collective Worship Policy

2017-18

#### **Introduction**

Naseby Church of England Primary Academy wishes to create a Christian atmosphere which will permeate all aspects of school life. Worship within the school is conducted in accordance with the doctrine and practice of the Church of England.

#### **1 Aims and purpose**

- 1.1 The aims and purpose of collective worship are:
- to provide an opportunity for the children to worship God;
  - to enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
  - to enable children to explore their own beliefs;
  - to encourage participation and response;
  - to develop in children a sense of community spirit;
  - to promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes;
  - to teach children how to worship.

#### **2 Collective worship**

- 2.1 We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves all members of the school coming together and participating in an assembly. We expect everyone to take an active part in the assembly.
- 2.2 In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', we normally base our assemblies on the teachings of Christ and traditions of the Christian Church. However, we conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school.
- 2.3 While the majority of acts of worship in our school are Christian, we also hold assemblies that reflect other religious traditions in order to broaden the children's understanding of religions outside their experience.

#### **3 Organisation of collective worship**

- 3.1 We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school. Except in special circumstances, these always involve the whole-school.
- 3.2 We conduct assemblies in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that assembly time is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully to the teachings and participate fully in prayer and hymns. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and sometimes candles or other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of the children.
- 3.3 Members of staff and the Head of School normally conduct assemblies, but sometimes local clergy or other representatives of local religious groups or visitors from the community conduct them instead.

- 3.4 We take the themes of our assemblies from the traditions of the Christian faith and we reflect the festivals and events of the Christian calendar. We plan our assemblies termly.
- 3.5 Our weekly sharing assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in assemblies by showing their work to the other children and their parents or carers, and talking about what they have learnt. Assemblies offer an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of schools. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Naseby CE Primary School is a successful school and we celebrate the successes of all the children in assemblies.
- 3.6 Parents are invited to sharing assemblies and also to key assemblies throughout the year held at All Saints and The Chapel.
- 3.7 We welcome governors' attendance at our assemblies at any time.

Monday	Whole School Assembly 3.05-3.30pm
Tuesday	Whole School Assembly 3.05-3.30pm
Wednesday	Whole School Assembly 10.20-10.35am
Thursday	Whole School Assembly 3.05-3.30pm
Friday	Whole School Assembly 3.05-3.30 'Sharing and Golden Assembly'

**4 Right of withdrawal**

- 4.1 We expect all children to attend assembly. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.
- 4.2 The Head of School will keep a record of all children who withdraw from collective worship.

**5 Assessment and Recording**

- 5.1 The staff work together to prepare termly plans for Collective Worship and the people responsible for delivering each day's worship.

**6 Monitoring and review**

- 6.1 It is the role of a named school governor with responsibility for Collective Worship to monitor the policy and practice. The governor concerned liaises with the Head of School before reporting to the governors.

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Review date .....

