



## Market Rasen Church of England Primary School

### Collective Worship Policy

June 2016

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

- Worship God
- Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Celebrate and understand key events in the calendar year
- Respond to the worship offered.

#### **Statutory Duty of School**

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been **withdrawn by their parents**). This is usually provided within a daily collective worship.

The head teacher 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. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the head teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Collective worship in foundation schools with a religious character and voluntary schools will be in accordance with the school's trust deed. Where provision is not made by a trust deed, the worship should be in accordance with the beliefs of the religion or denomination specified for the school.

**It is the head teachers responsibility to ensure the legal requirements for collective worship are met. It is the responsibility of the governing body to ensure that all pupils take part in daily collective worship.**

#### **Implementation**

Collective worship will:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve the pupils.

#### **Organisation of Collective Worship**

Our collective worship is guided by themes designed by the Head teacher, R.E subject leader, staff and children.

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| Monday    | Collective Worship with a representative of different faiths from the local community |
| Tuesday   | Choral Worship  |
| Wednesday | Class/Whole School Collective Worship   |
| Thursday  | Key Stages Individual Collective Worship  |
| Friday    | Reflection and Celebration  |

In addition to this, the school values its close links with the local churches and leads and attends services within them.

Where a whole school collective worship does not happen for any reason, staff will know they are to undertake a class collective worship at some point within that school day.

### **Collective Worship Council**

The Collective Worship Council meets twice a term to review, evaluate and plan Collective Worship in order to ensure that it remains exciting, engaging and relevant. Pupils are represented from Year Groups One - Six.

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

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

Chair of Governors:

Date

Head Teacher :

Date: