



KINGSDOWN SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

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

- 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
- respond to the worship offered

School Aims for Collective Worship/Rationale

To be meaningful for students, collective worship enables them to reflect on:

- what it means to be a human being
- questions of meaning, purpose and value
- the best that human beings can be – inspirational, exemplars (people of faith or not) who have demonstrated through their actions, lives and qualities. Examples will come from religious and non-religious sources
- personal beliefs and values

The collective worship that we deliver will recognise and value the cultural, linguistic and religious diversity of our students and will be conducted within our Equal Opportunities Policy and will be embedded throughout the ethos and teaching methods of the School.

Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly, tutor time or in lessons.



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

Statutory Duty of the School

All schools provide daily collective worship and reflection for registered pupils (apart from those who have been **withdrawn by their parents**). This is usually provided within tutor sessions and weekly assemblies.

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 Safeguarding Advisory Council or Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Signed by :		Signed by :	
	Emma Leigh-Bennett Headteacher		Lynne Scragg Chair of Governors
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