



KINGSDOWN SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

Approved by by: Full Governors
Committee

Date: 12th December 2023

Last reviewed on: November 2023

**Next review due
by:** November 2025

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for students 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 students
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve the students

Statutory Duty of the School

All schools provide daily collective worship and reflection for registered students (apart from those who have been **withdrawn by their parents**).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 students. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the students 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.

Please refer to the SMSC Policy for further details.

Policy Information and Review

| Academic year | Designated Lead Person (S) | Nominated Governor | Chair of Governors |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2019-20 | Ms S M Magenty | | Mrs L Scragg |

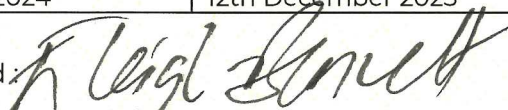
Policy Review Dates

| Review Date | Changes Made | By Whom |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| November 2021 | No changes | Mrs L Strett |
| November 2023 | No changes | Mrs L Strett |

Ratification by Governing Body

| Academic Year | Date of Ratification | Chair of Governors |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2020 - 2021 | 13th December 2021 | Mrs L Scragg |
| 2023 - 2024 | 12th December 2023 | Mrs L Scragg |

Signed:


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Headteacher

Signed:


L Scragg
Chair of Governors

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