



# Collective Worship Policy

Lovington Church of England Primary School

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## **Collective Worship Policy**

1. This Policy should be taken and used as part of Lovington Church of England Primary Schools' overall strategy and implemented within the context of our vision, Instrument of Government aims and values as a Church of England School.
2. This Policy statement has been formally adopted by the governing body, in consultation with staff and governors, and will be reviewed every three years.
3. It is consistent with the overall aims of the schools as expressed in our Ethos Statement.

## **Ethos Statement**

4. The Christian foundation of the school ensures that the spiritual development of the children and Christian values have a particular emphasis within the whole life of the schools. In accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level, we aim to develop within our children not only an awareness of self and sensitivity to others, but also the acquisition of a set of moral values and the confidence to make moral judgements and develop habits of self-discipline and acceptable behaviour. The school aims to serve their communities by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice.

## **Aims and Objectives**

5. The aims and objectives are as follows:
  - An Act of Collective Worship will take place every day according to the school timetable.
  - The majority of the Acts of Collective Worship will be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.
  - The Act of Collective Worship will be open to the whole school community at the discretion of the Headteacher.
  - Every child will take part in the Act of Collective Worship unless their parent/guardian has exercised their right of withdrawal.
  - Any child that is withdrawn will be enabled to use the time constructively.
  - The Headteacher will keep a record of all Acts of Collective Worship themes.
  - Whilst fully complying with the law, the school will be sensitive to the age and aptitude of the children and the fact that not all of the children will come from religious families.
  - The Act of Collective Worship will develop an awareness of spiritual and moral values and capacity for enjoyment.
  - Children are to be aware that Collective Worship is conducted in a dignified and respectful way.
  - Children are also to be aware that Collective Worship time is a period of calm reflection. It is regarded as a special time. There will be at least one thing to allow focus and reflection such as a covered table, a candle or a copy of the Bible.

## **Responsibilities**

6. Details on responsibilities are as follows:

- The governing body has overall responsibility for the Collective Worship Policy. The School Evaluation Form (SEF) acknowledges the SIAMs Action Plan Key Issues.
- The Collective Worship coordinator, the R.E. Subject Leader and the R.E. Link Governors, will review the policy regularly and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

## **Organisation**

7. Daily collective worship follows a one year rolling programme. Individual staff members are responsible for the day to day organising of collective worship which may include visitors.

## **Parents/Governors/Diocesan Liaison & Local Community Issues**

8. The school liaises and seek support from the diocesan education department.

9. The school regularly visit St Thomas A Becket in Lovington.

10. The village and the school sometimes join together for worship whether in church or school.

11. Equal opportunities, special needs issues and racial equality issues are acknowledged in our collective worship themes, PSHE, circle time and R.E. teaching.

## **Monitoring Effectiveness**

12. The school will occasionally canvass the pupils as to the effectiveness of collective worship, e.g. what was the message? These results will be recorded and kept in the collective worship file. These reviews will be carried out by the Collective Worship co-ordinator.

13. Some Collective Worship services will be monitored by the Collective Worship co-ordinator and feedback given to staff.