

Collective Worship Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the statutory guidelines set out in the document, *Collective Worship in Secondary Schools published by West Sussex County Council*.

Aims:

- All pupils in attendance, on each school day, take part in an act of collective worship.
- This may be a single act of worship or separate acts for different pupils.
- It may take at any time of the school day
- The act of worship shall be “wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.”

The Policy:

- ◆ The worship should not be distinctive of any particular denomination.
- ◆ It is left to the headteacher to decide the actual content of the worship and in doing so he/she must take account of “any relevant circumstances relating to the pupils’ family background; their ages and aptitudes”.
- ◆ It is defined as “collective worship” and not “corporate worship.”
- ◆ It must in some sense reflect something special or separate from ordinary school activities
- ◆ To appoint a senior member of staff to co-ordinate the programme and to report to the headteacher.
- ◆ **Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship.**
- ◆ Teachers have the right not to attend collective worship.
- ◆ To liaise with the faith communities represented in the school and in the local community and enlist their help in leading worship, if appropriate.

Monitoring and Review:

- Review the provision to ensure that the school are making all reasonable efforts to meet the statutory requirements and that they are providing experiences of a high quality.
- Ensure that the position of each member of staff regarding the leading of worship is known.
- Review annually the provision and quality of collective worship.

The Teaching & Learning Committee of the Governors shall be responsible for the monitoring, review and evaluation of this Policy.