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POLICY CHANGE HISTORY

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Aim

The aim of collective worship at the federation is to:

- Develop and support a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values;
- Provide a sense of family, community and belonging by taking opportunities to mark special celebrations and achievements to develop and reflect upon social and moral values;
- Reflect upon values which are broadly of a Christian nature (past and present, incorporating values, beliefs, traditions and patterns of worship);
- Develop an awareness of others' beliefs, cultures, patterns of worship, ceremonies, festivals; and that people achieve self-knowledge and a sense of belonging by adherence to a particular faith;
- Enable children to respond to the worship offered in a positive manner personally or collectively, in thought, word or silence, by exploration, appreciation, or observation, or through performances such as music, drama or dance;
- Develop spiritual awareness and provide space and time to pause for reflection and stillness;
- Give opportunity for the children to appreciate by observation or by sincere participation in the symbolism, language and actions of religious worship;
- Involve children in an activity with which they can identify, while allowing for them to be emotionally and intellectually challenged.
- To show an awareness of the feelings of others and express feeling of their own, in a thoughtful manner.

Rationale

The federation believes that we should arouse a sense of enthusiasm in the children of caring and sharing; a sense of community; a sense of awe; experience stillness and calm and to celebrate and worship. We value the importance of children and staff taking part in an act of collective worship each day, whilst recognising that parents do have the right to withdraw their child from worship activities.

Practice

The federation provides daily, planned acts of collective worship (See Appendix A) in accordance with requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act. The majority of the acts of worship are wholly or mainly of Christian character. Local clergy from mainstream Christian denominations, who represent the local Christian Community are involved within an act of worship on a weekly basis. We recognise and celebrate that there are many within our school that are from a different background, and this is considered within collective worship.

In order to make regular opportunities for our children with religious beliefs from the other World Religions to celebrate, the schools plan acts of worship for key festivals and National Days throughout the year (for example Dassain and Diwali).

During the year a number of special services will occur in order to celebrate: Harvest Festival, Christmas, Easter, Dassain and Diwali.

APPENDIX A

General Weekly Arrangements- example weekly plan

Monday Headteacher's Assembly (follows a theme either SEAL scheme, core values or PSHE).

Tuesday and Wednesday Faith celebration assembly lead in phases / PHSE links to collective worship

Thursday Looking at the wider world in classes, events and celebrations with thought provoking pictures or scenarios to reflect upon.

Friday Celebration Assembly (recognises achievements of individuals through the giving out of Special Awards to celebrate children's work, core values and extracurricular achievements. Whole school and staff attend.)