

## Wren's Nest Primary School - Collective Worship Policy

**"Collective Worship should promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of the pupils at the school taking into account their family background, age and aptitude and to prepare such pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life" (1988 Education Act)**

### **Aim of the policy**

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

- worship God
- 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.

### **Statutory Duty of School**

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). This is provided at Wren's Nest within a daily assembly - the format and structure of which is varied throughout the week (refer to appendix 1).

The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging this daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. The daily collective worship is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. At Wren's Nest we have a strong focus on developing shared values and ethos through the school assemblies. These are values that are not established in many of our pupils. Through assemblies we also promote and use opportunities to raise self esteem and celebrate success. The precise nature of the daily collective worship varies and is appropriate for the age of the children (refer to appendix 1 for specific assembly rota)

### **Implementation**

Collective worship, whether in assembly (whole school / key stage specific) or at a specific time within class, will:

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

## **Visiting speakers**

Wren's Nest is fortunate in receiving visits from an external speaker who is sponsored by Eve Lane Pentecostal Church. The speaker takes assembly once each month talking with KS1 and KS2 separately so that the assembly can be age appropriate. The assemblies are lively and engaging and focus on a bible story and a moral/ethical message. The children look forward to these special assemblies and they play an important part in helping our children to understand more about the Christian faith.

## **Information for parents**

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from collective worship. Provision will be made for these children during assembly. The head teacher is happy to discuss the format and structure of assemblies with parents and would be keen to do this prior to a parents decision to withdraw a child from assemblies.

## **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

The Curriculum & Standards committee reviewed this policy on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008.

## **Appendix 1**

	<u>KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
Monday	Big Talk Assembly	Big Talk Assembly
Tuesday	Celebration assembly	Hymn/song practice
Wednesday	Achievement Assembly	Achievement assembly
Thursday	Song practice	Staff led assembly
Friday	Whole school assembly presented by a class	