

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Introduction

The Cottesloe School recognises its responsibilities for adhering to the provisions concerning collective worship.

Principles

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

- The Cottesloe School provides daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). This is provided with a daily assembly or tutorial.
- 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 pupils.
- If it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the head teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time, will:

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

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The School will review this policy and assess its implementation and effectiveness if required by legislation. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the School.

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