

# DOVE FEDERATION

## Collective Worship Policy

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Being a Church of England Federation, Collective Worship has a special place within the whole school curriculum at The Dove Federation, in accordance with Christian Principles.

Our Schools will comply with the requirements set out in the 1988 Education Reform Act regarding Collective Worship. We follow Values for Lives set out in Roots and Shoots Programme.

### Key Principles

1. **Inclusive**: provide activities and experience in which all can contribute and gain.
2. **Curricular**: meaningful to the whole curriculum, i.e. an international learning experience.
3. **Educational**: Acts of Worship that are distinctly Christian, or that focus on other faiths, can draw on a variety of resources.
4. **Acts of Worship**: should have some time for thinking, sharing, listening, stillness and silence (reflection is common to all faiths).
5. **Collective Worship**: is complementary to R.E. but not identical with it. It is an integral part of what we do at school, giving a sense of belonging. It is a launching pad for what else goes on in school and we are coming together to celebrate what we consider to be worthwhile. Collective Worship each term will launch the SEAL focus for the school. Any notices will be clearly separate from the act of Worship.

### Aims

1. To enhance spiritual awareness and instil a sense of awe and wonder as well as giving time for reflection.
2. To be educationally worthwhile, actively involving the children and visitors.
3. To respect the integrity of all participants, while reflecting the ethos of the school.

### Objectives

- To create a positive atmosphere for Collective Worship where all feel relaxed and secure, providing an opportunity for participants to worship. A different theme is provided every half term to focus on and the Collective Worship file is kept in the staffroom/head's office with all the resources.
- To create an enriching experience so that children can learn from the opportunities provided.

An act of Collective Worship will take place every day. The time at which this takes place and the form of Collective Worship (whole school, key stages or class groupings) does vary from day to day.

Every child will take part in the Act of Collective Worship unless withdrawn by his/her parents/guardians.

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