



# Wildground Federation Collective Worship Policy

**All children have the right to choose their own religion and beliefs. Their parents should help them decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for them. Article 14, UNCRC**

Collective Worship is a time when the whole Federation, groups within the Federation, can join together to consider, reflect on and discuss events, issues and interests, and also share and enjoy celebrations. Collective Worship offers the school community an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences, providing opportunities for the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and supporting children's understanding of British Values as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.

## **Collective Worship at Wildground Federation**

The daily act of Collective Worship at Wildground Federation follows the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act which states that Collective Worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'. While adhering to these requirements we also ensure that our opportunities for Collective Worship also reflect other religious traditions that are represented in the school and the wider community. Parents have the right, under the 1988 Education Reform Act, to withdraw their children from all or part of Collective Worship. It is a legal requirement that all children attend unless their parents have exercised their right to withdraw. Children who are withdrawn by their parents will be provided with alternative activities in a safe environment.

## **Aims**

- To provide opportunities for the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- To consider spiritual and moral issues which are wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature.
- To explore and share common and different beliefs, and appreciate and respect the importance of these religious beliefs to those who hold them.
- To think of the needs of others and develop a sense of community.
- To celebrate achievements of others within our school community.
- To re-affirm, interpret and put into practice the values of our school community.
- To explore feelings such as awe, wonder, mystery, love and joy.
- To provide a time of quiet for reflection and prayer.
- To encourage the children to participate and respond in various ways, for example, through listening and active involvement.

## **The presentation of Collective Worship**

Presenters may include the Senior Leadership Team, other members of staff, Governors, groups of children and whole classes, and visiting speakers. Times of Collective Worship can be presented and enjoyed through a variety of ways, such as using the children's work, music, singing, dance, poetry, literature, drama, works of art, video footage, photographs, and the experience of real objects, artefacts, religious symbols and rituals. Collective Worship takes place daily and sometimes this is as a whole school coming together and can equally be within year groups, classes or groups depending on the theme and age of the children. Daily timings and length of Collective Worship is flexible to best meet the needs of the children across the Wildground Federation.

## **The contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the curriculum**

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, at Wildground Federation Collective Worship will at times feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the learning undertaken in classes. At times, Collective Worship will enrich in-class learning through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

## **Special Needs, Disabilities, and Equal Opportunities**

All pupils will have equal opportunities to access Collective Worship, regardless of their race, gender, cultural background, ability, or of any physical or sensory disability. Children are supported as necessary to access Collective Worship opportunities.

## **Health and Safety**

The general teaching requirement for Health and Safety applies to Collective Worship. The details of the School Health and Safety Policy can be accessed on the Federation website.