



# St Leonard's CE(VA) First School Policy for Collective Worship

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Foundation Governors**

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Governing Board**

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## St Leonard's CE (A) First School

### Collective worship Policy

#### 1. Introduction

At St. Leonard's CE (VA) First School Collective worship is an integral, and valued (by staff and pupils) part of school routines and life. It offers the whole school community opportunities to experience, participate in and take responsibility for living expression of Christian worship; valued and honoured through the school's Anglican Foundation as in the Trust Deed. It provides a daily time and space for reflection to support the mental health and well-being of our school community and is a peaceful start to each busy day.

Through our worship we aim to create a happy, caring and disciplined environment for our children within which they can develop their spirituality, honesty, integrity, uniqueness and self-esteem. As a church school we strongly promote the biblical gospel values based on Christian Belief - love, care, respect and tolerance. We actively encourage these values in our school family through daily acts of worship.

We aim to ensure the children in our care are well prepared to face the challenges of an ever-changing world. It is our belief that this can be achieved through a strong partnership between children, their parents, the school, the church and the wider community.

We aim to encourage the children to develop their spirituality and their knowledge, understanding and belief in God, the divine ruler of the world.

## **2. Meeting the legal requirements.**

Our daily Act of worship is in accordance with the Trust Deed of the school. This requires worship to be consistent with the faith, principles and practices of the Church of England.

We have also taken into account DCSF legislation.

We recognize that parents have a right of withdrawal from worship for pupils; this right is also extended to staff. This is communicated to parents via the school prospectus.

## **3. Current worship timetable.**

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Mon	9.10	20 mins	Whole school	Led by clergy. Formal style
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In addition to worship, grace usually said, or sometimes sung, prior to lunch. Prayers are said at the end of each school day; also, when appropriate, prayers may be said at other times during the day.

Worship is based on weekly themes prepared by the worship coordinator. These are displayed in the staff room and provide a wide range of topics including festivals and church calendar.

### **3. Role of staff in worship**

All staff will join in and lead worship and children will also be encouraged to take the lead for worship. The school has a worship council made up of pupils from different year groups who plan and lead worship each week. These pupils work towards gaining a bronze, silver and gold award for leading worship.

There is an invitation for teaching and support staff to join worship and all staff attend celebration worship. For special worship times for example, Ash Wednesday, all staff will be encouraged to attend worship, at other times staff attend and lead worship on a rota basis.

### **4. Management of worship**

The responsibility for the monitoring and evaluation of collective worship lies with the Headteacher and Foundation governors of the school. They ensure that all legal requirements are met.

There is an established timetable for collective worship and a programme of themes produced on a termly basis, broadly following a two year rolling programme.

Worship is expected to provide pupils with Christian teaching experience, breadth and balance, a mix of reflection, guidance and praise, a developing understanding of the gospels and of God and an opportunity to express themselves through prayer and to develop a deeper understanding of their own spirituality.