

Mountjoy School

Collective Worship Policy

February 2016



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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY **Revised 2014**

Introduction

At Mountjoy we believe that Collective Worship plays a very important role in the life of our school. It is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life, to support our curriculum and to provide an opportunity for stillness and reflection in what is often a very busy, active day.

Aims

The main aims of Collective Worship at Mountjoy School are as follows:

- ◆ To provide our children with regular opportunities for stillness and reflection.
- ◆ To promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- ◆ To celebrate the values and worth of the school community and all who belong in it including the sharing of the gifts and talents of our children.
- ◆ To help children develop an understanding both of the nature and language of worship.
- ◆ To help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others.
- ◆ To support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, dance, story, drama and other visual and oral means of communication.

The Legal Position

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that Collective Worship must be on a daily basis for all registered pupils. Furthermore, acts of worship "*must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character, ie, reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief*".

Parents do have, of course, the right of withdrawal from Collective Worship. Parents who have any concerns about the provision and practice of our Collective Worship are strongly encouraged to contact the Head Teacher.

Visitors play an important part in the life of our school and we are fortunate to receive visits from the local Clergy who contribute to our worship on a regular basis and at the major Christian Festivals. We may record our acts of worship to inform our learning and plan for further developments.

Context of Collective Worship

Whole school Collective Worship takes place each afternoon in the form of a short celebration assembly. Pupils are encouraged to show consideration, offer support and reflect on theirs and others days.