



# LADOCK CE SCHOOL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY Updated 2019

**‘Loving, learning, achieving together’**

## **Introduction**

Ladock School serves a village community in an almost totally and mostly nominal Christian area. However, the pupils are not immune from developments and influences in a wider world, through family and personal contacts, the media, and from their education. It is part of the aims of the school to offer a wide-ranging education, to prepare pupils for life not only in their own community but also in a wider world.

## **Legal Requirements**

- All pupils must take part in a daily act of collective worship, unless they have been withdrawn from it by their parents.
- Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship.
- As Ladock is a CE School collective worship will be ‘wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character’, that is to be within the broad traditions of Christian beliefs, on the majority of occasions.
- Collective worship must acquaint children with Anglican approaches where appropriate and possible.

## **Aims for Collective Worship**

The following aims have been agreed with the Governors:

- To establish, affirm, and celebrate the common and shared vision and values of the school.
- To nurture the identity and nature of the school as a community
- To develop positive attitudes among the pupils

- To provide an opportunity for pupils to worship God
- To enable pupils to come to terms with their own beliefs, values and commitments, and with those of others
- To promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- To acquaint children with the presence of the Church in the community
- To celebrate achievement on the part of individuals or groups of children.
- To experience moments of silence and reflection
- Worship is understood as an act of collective worship in school and can be interpreted very openly and widely as an act which brings the whole school to a point where they are able to make a shared, reflective response to a divine being, power, ideal or value of some worth, wholly or mainly within the broad traditions of Christian belief on the majority of occasions.
- Collective worship is an essential element in the schools' promotion of the spiritual and moral development of pupils as required by ERA 1988.

### **Approaches**

- The aim is to enable children to approach the threshold of worship
- Daily worship is provided through whole school acts of worship in assembly or a class act of worship
- When appropriate, special occasions will be marked by a form of service in church

### **Management**

Responsibility for collective worship in Ladock School lies with the Head of School and Church School Lead

- to provide a sequence of themes for each term
- to establish and maintain a resource base
- to liaise with the local community in terms of visitors

- to arrange visits from the local vicar
- to arrange use of Parish Church on special occasions
- to arrange visits from other religious representatives

### **Staffing**

Teaching staff will be asked to share the role of worship leader and on days when they are not leading they will share a supporting role; Friday worship is when the whole school family come together in Church. On one day a week, the children will be rewarded for achievement.

### **Methods**

There should be a suitable variety of methods for collective worship to enable the experience to be as valid and relevant to the pupils as possible. There will also be a ritual element associated with some of these methods to allow the pupils to benefit from the security and pattern of worshipping together.

These will include the following as is appropriate to the nature of the occasion.

- Music on entry and exit, various themes and cultures
- Hymn singing
- Use of prayers, including the children's own, and the Lord's Prayer.
- Readings from suitable sources, including the Bible, but also other sources of worth.
- Stories to illustrate themes
- Periods of silence for reflection

### **Resources**

A range of resource books and website recommendations will be provided for staff. There is a range of resources available to provide a focal point to the room which the children are responsible for setting up.

### **Timing**

Collective Worship will take place every afternoon at 1.00pm except for Fridays when it takes place in the Church at 9.10am.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Headteacher)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (SMC)      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

