

# **Prudhoe West First School**



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Collective worship is in accordance with the legal requirements set out in the 1988 Education Reform Act and confirmed in the 1996 Education Act. It is a legal requirement for all registered school age pupils to take part in an act of worship each day.

We recognise that in asking our children to take part in collective worship we have to consider the background that our children come from and it is therefore not the practice of this school to preach or convert the children. The faith background of both the staff and the child's family is respected at all times.

The Headteacher is responsible for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. The parent can ask for their child to be wholly or partly excused. Any parent who wishes to exercise this right should consult the Headteacher. Teachers may also withdraw from collective worship.

### Values and Aims

We believe at this school that collective worship both supports and strengthens what we aim to do in every aspect of school life. Our caring ethos and the value we place on the development of the whole child both spiritually, morally, socially, culturally and intellectually is reflected in our worship. We value this special time in the school day for the opportunity it gives children to develop a reflective approach to life.

Through our collective worship we aim to provide a caring and supportive environment for children to:

- Grow in understanding of the feelings of other people in everyday situations.
- Develop an understanding of the beliefs of others.
- Become aware of themselves as individuals and groups within school and the wider world.
- Deepen their sense of wonder about the world around them.
- Grow in confidence when performing to the whole school in special assemblies.

Worship both reflects and nurtures the ethos of the whole school. It encompasses all aspects of school life and all areas of the curriculum so that every member of staff and every pupil may feel involved. Collective worship develops the feeling of belonging to a community.

### Visitors

From time to time parents are invited to attend class assemblies or religious festivals.

Occasionally local clergy and/or other agencies are invited to take an assembly.