

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY STATEMENT LADYSMITH FEDERATION

Introduction

At Ladysmith 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 for our children.

Aims

The central aims of Collective Worship at Ladysmith are to:

- provide our children with regular opportunities for stillness and reflection
- promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- 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.
- help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others
- 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, i.e. reflect the broad traditions of christian belief."

We recognise that in our school we have children from a variety of faith backgrounds and that many children have no religious background at all. Great care is taken in our collective worship to ensure that all children feel valued and special and that their integrity as human beings is consistently upheld. Collective Worship at Ladysmith is an inclusive activity. 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 Headteacher.

Context of Collective worship

In order to promote children's learning, our acts of worship vary in size. Our pattern is set out below:

	Infant School	Junior School
Monday	Whole School Assembly	Whole school special theme
Tuesday	Class Assembly	Class / Year Group
Wednesday	Class Assembly	Whole School special theme
Thursday	Class Assembly	Whole School singing/music
Friday	Whole School Assembly	Whole school celebration

Visitors play an important part in the life of our school and regularly contribute to acts of worship.

Conclusion

Collective Worship plays a very important role in our school as we seek to develop our children in the skills of reflection and empathy, to encourage and celebrate their talents and to promote their spiritual and moral development.

Agreed by Governors and signed by the Chair.....Date.....

Review date.....