



# The Pinvin Federation

## St. Nicholas Church of England Middle School

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY (SC5)

#### Statutory

Written & adopted Summer 2016  
Review Summer 2017

#### **Aim and Purpose**

Collective Worship should aim to provide:

- the opportunity for pupils to worship God;
- to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- to explore their own beliefs;
- to encourage participation and response, whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to and joining in the worship offered;
- to develop community spirit;
- to promote a common ethos and shared values and
- to reinforce positive attitudes.

#### **Principles and Themes**

The religious foundation of the school is Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) and the daily act of Collective Worship will be approached from a Christian perspective which reflects the broad principles and practices of the Church of England whilst respecting other faith and non-faith communities in society.

Collective Worship occupies an important and unique place in the life of St. Nicholas C of E Middle School. It provides an opportunity for members of the school community to pause from activity, to gather together, to remind themselves of and to reflect upon the beliefs and values which bind the school community together.

The act of worship will be based on

- themes which relate to the school's Christian core values;
- special events in the Christian calendar and the calendar of other religions;
- issues which arise from the everyday life and ethos of the school and
- share each others joys, achievements and challenges.

## **Organisation**

All children (unless withdrawn by their parent/guardian) will attend the daily act of Collective Worship which lasts for approximately 15 minutes. This act of worship will take place as a whole school or class gathering.

The act of Collective Worship will be led by the Head Teacher, members of staff, pupils, local clergy or invited visitors. Mondays Collective Worship will be focused on the current Christian value and by led by the Mr. Best. Tuesdays worship is a Bible story prepared by one class and supported by Open the Book readers from local churches. Wednesday's worship is led by Reverend Claire, visitors, CREW or Mrs Hooper which includes work on UNICEF's Convention for the Rights of the Child. Class teachers lead Class Collective Worship in tutor groups on Thursday. Friday is a celebration of children's achievements including awards for curriculum work, attendance and demonstrating core values.

Children enter the hall in silence or to music and sit quietly on the floor before the trinity candle is lit to signify the start of worship. This may be followed by a reading/presentation/image/drama/singing at the end of which will be a time for reflection and prayer.

Occasionally acts of Collective Worship may also take place in St. Nicholas Church or Pershore Abbey.

## **Resources**

Coloured altar frontals are kept in the hall's music cupboard, along with music CDs. Clothing and props for Open the Book are stored in cupboards in the Year 5 area. Resources for Class Collective Worship and developing spirituality are kept in room 11.

## **Record Keeping and Monitoring**

To provide evidence of daily Collective Worship and to enable a means of evaluation, simple record sheets are completed. Form tutors complete Class Collective Worship evaluations which can be found in class Prayer and Praise Books. These, alongside Spiritual Diaries, are looked at each term by the Assistant Headteacher and CREW, who also do sample evaluations of Collective Worship across the school and use Pupil Voice to inform their judgements.

## **Training**

SIAMS Core Question 2 training has been attended by the Assistant Headteacher and one of the Foundation Governors. Staff have training/updates and guidance on Collective Worship each term from the Assistant Headteacher.

## **Right of Withdrawal**

Parents/Carers have the legal right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship, provided they give written notification to the school.

## **Policy Review and Conclusion**

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

At St Nicholas C of E Middle School we are confident that the approach to Collective Worship is educationally sound, faithful to our Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) status and crucial to the spiritual, moral, social, cultural and intellectual development of our pupils.

## **Complaints**

Should there be a complaint regarding Collective Worship the school will follow the complaints against non curriculum procedure. Such complaints should be made within 90 days of the incident in question: otherwise the Governing Body will not be obliged to investigate them (unless there are mitigating circumstances).

Member of Staff responsible - Assistant Headteacher      CH March 2016  
School and Community Committee - Chair