## **Robert Mellors Primary School**



# **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

The Education Reform Act 1988 requires all students in our school to attend a daily act of Collective Worship. It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher, after consultation with the Governing Body, to arrange for this to take place. Parents may choose to have their child withdrawn from Collective Worship and it is the responsibility of the school to arrange supervision for any child withdrawn.

The Collective Worship should be broadly Christian in nature. The Collective Worship should reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief, but should not be denominational, doctrinaire or resemble a church service. Material/themes of traditions other than Christian will be included. Our collective values form the basis of all assemblies and these are reflective of all faiths.

#### <u>Aims</u>

To ensure that the thematic content is interesting and relevant to the experience, social and cultural background of all our children.

To ensure:

- Collective Worship is an important means by which the collective values and ethos of the school can be celebrated.
- Opportunities are provided to promote the student's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- There are opportunities for the promotion of British values

### **Objectives**

Collective worship provides opportunities for the students to;

- think about God
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- actively participate and respond to ideas and current issues
- develop a sense of community
- share in promoting the values and ethos of the school t
- promote positive attitudes and celebrate achievement

#### **Delivery**

Collective Worship takes place as part of our assemblies or where appropriate in the classroom or through other activities. Our children are encouraged to view Collective Worship as a 'special time' in the day during which they look, listen and reflect together as a school community.

#### **Parents**

All parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship.

#### **Equalities Policy**

This policy is also supported by other policies including the Equalities Policy.

#### Approval and Review

This policy has been approved in October 2016 and will be reviewed in 2019.