



## Collective Worship Policy

### **Aim**

The act of worship at St Wilfrid's is central to the spiritual life of the school and its daily routine.

The act of worship should be broadly Christian and reflecting the school's Church of England foundations and should allow the children time for prayer and reflection as part of the format. Other faiths should also be included either as part of a theme or as a specific element. It is a time of coming together and a time for reflection

### **Through the act of worship children will;**

- contribute to the children's spiritual development through experiencing worship and all that is of value in this life.
- gain an introduction to worship in a Cof E context, through hymns of praise, prayers and an opportunity to lead parts of the worship.
- develop the ability to worship God, through prayer , praise and reflection
- develop a set of shared values that will help promote a real sense of community
- develop an understanding of the Christian faith, learning about the life and teachings of Jesus, the Old and New Testaments.
- develop an awareness of prayer , the need for quiet and meditation
- develop an understanding of the beliefs and faiths of others through the celebration of Festivals
- come together to share the fellowship of worship

### The Act of Worship

#### Weekly cycle

An act of worship will take place each day; this may be whole school, Key Stage based or Year group based.

Monday	KS1 & KS2 – Deputy Headteacher
Tuesday	KS1 & KS2 Hymn practice
Wednesday	Key Stage Based
Thursday	Key Stage Based
Friday	Achievement Assembly – Headteacher

The school year is set in themes as guidance for staff leading worship.

These themes reflect;

- the Churches seasonal calendar
- the changing seasons and other festivals
- major festivals of other faiths

- celebrating learning, achievements and successes
- input from Father Ken
- SEAL programme
- Personal, moral and social issues
- Responses to local and world events

The Seals programme has been adopted as whole school approach, which utilizes both collective worship and class times to explore the themes further. A different theme is chosen for each half term with suggested subjects for each of the weeks assemblies. Work done in class on festivals or the Seals programme may be shared during collective worship, as a whole school or in Key Stage bases.

Children should enter the assembly quickly and calmly, accompanied by their teacher who should promote the standards of behaviour. Music may used to set tone or theme for the assembly.

Worship should always include a prayer and where possible a suitable hymn or song related to the theme

Materials and resources are stored in the staffroom.

There will be regular opportunities for assemblies to be held at All Saints Church such as All Saints Day/ St Wilfrid's day , Crib Service, Easter and Leavers Services and for Rev. Irene Smith to lead worship in school. The Deputy Headteacher will work closely with Father Ken to planned and deliver these assemblies.

A record of each act of worship will be kept. This will be the responsibility of the leading teacher to complete.

The co-ordinator will update resources when required.

### **Parental Right of Withdrawal**

Parents do have a statutory right to withdraw their children from Christian worship. In such cases parents should inform the headteacher of their chose.

