

**West Sussex Education Authority**

**Nyewood CE Infant School**



Collective Worship  
Policy

## **Rationale**

As a Church of England School our daily act of worship is a special time for us to gather together as a community. It is a time for reflection and prayer. We seek to offer the opportunity for our children to engage meaningfully in a real act of Christian Worship, in accordance with the faith and practice of the Church of England.

## **Aims**

We aim for all of our children to:

- ❖ understand that collective worship is a very special time.
- ❖ understand the need for quiet and reflective times.
- ❖ understand the importance of prayer for us as a Christian school.
- ❖ to begin to develop an understanding of the pattern of the church year.
- ❖ to have opportunities to plan and lead worship.
- ❖ feel that they are all special in the eyes of God.

## **Guidelines**

To achieve these aims we will:

- ❖ ensure that our children understand the importance of daily worship and the need to behave in an appropriate way.
- ❖ establish special rituals for our daily worship-lighting of a candle, special greeting, music and time for prayer and reflection.
- ❖ ensure all children have the opportunity to lead worship through individual class worships for parents.
- ❖ ensure that celebrations always contain an element of worship.
- ❖ ensure that all collective worship is well planned and appropriate for the age of our children.
- ❖ ensure that children feel that they have a special part to play.
- ❖ Ensure that links are made with our RE curriculum, 'Understanding Christianity', key Christian festivals and the teachings of Jesus.

## **Legal Responsibilities**

The Headteacher will make sure that parents are aware that they have a right to withdraw their child from worship. It must, however, be made clear that we are a Christian school and that it is not possible to guarantee exclusion from the Christian character of our school.

The school remains responsible for any child who is withdrawn from worship.

If it is necessary to withdraw a child from worship to take part in a support group, that child will be offered the opportunity to worship at an alternative time in the day.

The Governing Body are ultimately responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of collective worship in our school.