



# Ireby Church of England Primary School

## Collective worship Policy

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Signed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ Head Teacher      Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of governors      Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Next review date: October 2022

School Governance:

Responsibility of the Curriculum Committee/ school staff

## **Our Vision:**

### **'Created to do good.' Ephesians 2:10**

By instilling our Christian values through our learning and play, it is our hope that our children develop a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them. We want our children to know that they are part of our local, national and global community and that, in their own way, they can **help to make our world better place**.

He has already planned what He wants us to do with our lives. We do not need to copy what someone else has done or is doing. He has **a unique plan for each of us** to serve Him in this world.

**Our Christian values are:** Wisdom, hope, friendship, compassion, service and creation

## **1 Introduction and aims**

At Ireby C of E School we aim:

- To provide opportunities for pupils to worship God.
- To promote pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- To enable pupils to explore their own beliefs.
- To promote a common sense of ethos and shared values.
- To help our pupils to develop respect for and sensitivity to the beliefs, culture and values of others.
- To explore Christianity through a multicultural perspective, fostering a respect for peoples of all races.
- To help our pupils understand the nature and language of worship.
- To support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, dance, poetry, story, drama and other visual and oral means of communication.

## **2 Rationale**

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that collective worship must be on a daily basis for all registered pupils. The religious foundation of Ireby C of E School as stated in the Trust Deed is Church of England and the daily Act of Collective Worship is delivered in accordance with the principles and practice of the Church of England.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the Daily Act of Worship.

A parent wishing to do so will need to make a written request to the Headteacher.

## **3 Procedures**

The headteacher or other members of staff normally conduct assemblies, but sometimes local clergy or other representatives of local religious groups conduct them instead.

Each half term there is a theme for Collective worship linked our chosen value for the half-term to SEALs programme.

**Autumn:** New Beginnings, Say No to Bullying (incorporating anti-bullying week) Getting on and Falling out

**Spring:** Going for Goals, Good to be me

**Summer:** Relationships, Changes

We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school. This forms part of each assembly, which is normally a whole-school assembly.

We conduct collective worship in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that it is a time is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully to the teachings and participate fully in prayer and hymns. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and sometimes candles or other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of the children.

Our collective worship assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in assemblies by showing their work to the other children and raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Assemblies offer an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of schools. They play an important part in promoting the vision and values of the school.

This pattern is flexible and on occasions it is recognised that teachers may feel that they need to respond to local or national events.

#### **4 Roles and Responsibilities of Headteacher, Staff and Governors**

##### **The headteacher will ensure that:**

- A daily act of collective worship is provided
- Alternative provision is made for pupils whose parents request that they do not attend the collective worship

##### **All teachers are expected to:**

- Participate in and make active contributions to collective worship, and to encourage pupils to become involved

##### **Pupils will be encouraged to:**

- Actively participate in Assembly and plan and lead some acts of worship
- Evaluate the quality of some collective worship assemblies

##### **The Governing body will ensure that:**

- The headteacher keeps a record of all children who withdraw from collective worship.
- Monitor and discuss with the headteacher arrangements for collective worship in the school

## 5 Monitoring

The annual review of the curriculum will consider whether an appropriate amount of time is allocated to collective worship and any changes will be made as a result.