

# YEWSTOCK SCHOOL



## **Collective Worship Policy Status: Statutory**

### **Rationale**

The Education Act 1994(Special Schools) states that regulations shall provide that, so far as practical, every pupil should attend religious worship; or will be withdrawn from attendance at such worship, in accordance with the wishes of the pupil's parent.

(Religious Education and Collective Worship 1/94 page 43).

Collective worship and assembly are distinct activities. At Yewstock School they take place as part of the same gathering although the differences between the two are clear. Collective worship is related to the day to day life, aspirations and concerns of our school.

While our acts of worship are of a `broadly Christian character` we also use elements drawn from a number of different faiths. Individual reflection is encouraged.

We believe at Yewstock School that what is delivered in terms of Collective worship is of the very best quality. We are mindful of the wide age and ability range of our pupils.

### **Aims**

Collective worship at Yewstock School aims to help children:

- Have the opportunity to worship God
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Explore their own beliefs
- Encourage participation and response, whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to and joining in the worship offered
- Develop community spirit
- Promote a common ethos and shared values
- Reinforce positive attitudes
- Have opportunity for quiet reflection
- Help develop a sense of awe, wonder and mystery

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## Implementation

At Yewstock School the timing and organisation of collective worship is different for primary and secondary age pupils. There is an whole school act of collective worship held in the school hall on Friday mornings. These are led by the head teacher or deputy, occasionally by other members of staff or representatives of local churches and religious groups.

The secondary department has a collective act of worship in the school hall on Wednesday mornings, normally led by a member of staff.

The primary department has a collective act of worship in the school hall on Tuesday mornings, normally led by a member of staff.

In addition, there are class and combination group acts of collective worship that occur at the beginning or end of the day (see class timetables)

We celebrate good work and achievement during assembly time

## Resources

A variety of resources appropriate to the needs of staff and pupils, in relation to a range of people's religious beliefs, social, moral, spiritual and cultural development are available for use through the R.E. subject leader and through the Leadership and Management Team. There is also access to material through the Internet.

## Review

It is the Headteacher's responsibility to ensure that the School complies with the requirements of the Local Education Authority in the implementation of this policy.

This policy to be reviewed as part of a rolling programme of policy review set by the governors.

**This policy should be read in conjunction with the Single Equality Policy. The general equality duty requires that, in the exercise of their functions, schools must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010. This school endeavours to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations for all.**

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