

# **St Hugh of Lincoln RC Primary School**

## **Collective Worship Policy**

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## **Mission Statement**

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## **The Nature of Collective Worship**

We believe that Christian Worship in a Catholic school names and celebrates God's presence in our lives. It is concerned with giving glory, honour, praise and thanks to God.

## **The Place of Collective Worship in the Life of our School**

Worship in this school is more than just a legal requirement. It is an integral part of school life and central to Catholic tradition.

**Collective worship takes into account the religious and educational needs of all who share in it:**

Those who form part of the worshipping community in church  
Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of church  
Those from other Christian traditions- or none  
Those from other faith backgrounds.

It will be an educational activity or experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain.

## **The Aims of Collective Worship**

We believe that Collective Worship in our school aims to provide opportunity for all pupils and staff:

To contemplate something of the mystery of God  
To reflect on spiritual and moral issues  
To explore their own beliefs  
To respond to and celebrate life  
To experience a sense of belonging and develop community spirit

To develop a common ethos and shared values  
To enrich religious experience  
To grow in liturgical understanding and development  
To reinforce prayers which are part of the Catholic tradition  
To reinforce positive attitudes  
To participate fully  
To take time out 'to wonder at', 'to come to terms with' and 'to give worth to'.

## **Principles**

All Acts of Worship in this school will:

Give glory and honour to God.

Be a quality activity, fundamental to the life of the school and its Catholic character.

Develop in pupils skills that enable them to prepare , organise and lead worship rather than always participating or contributing in a token way. (prayer leaders).

Give pupils positive liturgical experiences appropriate to age, aptitude and family backgrounds.

## **Collective Worship is organised in our school as follows:**

Daily class prayer

Weekly teacher led liturgy in each key stages.

Weekly assembly led by Mr. Mountcastle

Prayer leaders lead class prayers or collective worship each week in given classes.

Class Mass half termly

School mass each term

Class assemblies throughout the year.

## **Voluntary Worship and Retreats:**

**Y6 and Y3** are taken to the Marist Centre every year.

Children happily volunteer to take part in all Key Stages, adult led liturgies.

## **Resources:**

A variety of RE resources are available in a central location in the staff room. Each class has appropriately coloured cloth to use for collective worship.