



# WHITEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Whitefield School aims to ensure that the children, parents, staff, governors and community work together to offer a welcoming, caring, stimulating and safe environment for everyone.

The children, their education and welfare are vital in all decision making at Whitefield. We aim to provide a rich, varied, balanced and well resourced curriculum.

Our aim is that the lives of all children who leave Whitefield will have been enhanced by their learning with us, and that each child will develop self esteem and leave equipped with the ability and eagerness to learn more.

We encourage children to develop self-discipline and respect, to become involved valued citizens, ready to meet the challenges of a changing world.

Collective Worship is a valuable time during which the children are able to develop an awareness of their place within a community and the wider world.

The school follows the guidelines set down by the Education Committee with regard to collective worship within the school.

### **Aims**

Collective Worship at Whitefield Primary School aims to provide the children with a sense of

- Awe, wonder and mystery about the world around them;
- Their place within the universe;
- Self worth and the value of others;
- The thoughts and feelings of others;
- Celebration of special occasions and support in times of sadness;

It will serve to develop an awareness of:

- Beliefs, values, attitudes at the heart of human relationships;
- Issues of the meaning, purpose and value in life.
- Festivals and events celebrated by people of all faiths.

It will contribute to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the children.

## **Setting**

Collective Worship takes place in the hall when the whole school gathers together each Monday and then meets in separate Key Stages for the rest of the week, culminating in Praise Assemblies each Friday when the children share and celebrate their achievements.

Suitable music is played as the children enter and leave the hall to create a calm, thoughtful atmosphere.

Collective Worship is led by the Headteacher or Deputy on Monday and Friday and staff take turns for the remainder of the week.

## **Content**

Collective Worship is delivered in half termly themes in line with the festivals and events celebrated by people of all faiths. Resources to support this may be found in the Headteacher's office. Children are encouraged to take part in speech, drama, music and, where appropriate, visiting speakers are invited to share with the children. Collective Worship concludes with a time of reflection or prayer.

During the year there is an opportunity for each class to take a Friday assembly and parents and family are invited to attend on these occasions.

## **Withdrawal**

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. Staff also have the right to withdraw from Collective Worship