



Limehurst Academy Policy Document

Collective Worship

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LIMEHURST ACADEMY

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

At our school we believe that Collective Worship should:

- Develop a Community spirit, a common ethos and affirm the values of the school
- Affirm British values
- Strengthen and support the school community and individual members
- Provide an experience that promotes the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of our students
- Provides opportunities for personal and shared reflection and response to fundamental questions of life and those things that are of eternal concern and value to human beings
- Be of a broadly Christian nature
- Celebrate the achievements within the school occasions of significance, including festivals
- Foster a respect for self and engender a concern for the needs of others

In particular the following school aims are fulfilled/achieved through the act of Collective Worship:-

The aims of the school which support Collective worship are:

- To provide a safe and secure environment in which the individual student feels valued, supported and respected and which values and supports relationships with others
- To develop an ethos which values imagination, creativity, inspiration and reflection
- To foster the development of students' sense of personal responsibility, self-awareness and self-esteem
- To develop a sense of belonging and commitment to our multi-ethnic community, and to understand, value and respect similarities and differences
- To develop a sense of respect and care for themselves, others within the school context, the wider community and the global environment

Collective worship at Limehurst is delivered through assemblies and the daily Pause-for-Thought in Personal Development.

Assembly themes link to the Pause-for-Thought and extended opportunities to reflect on what has been discussed in assembly and Pause-for-Thought are also provided through weekly Personal Development time.

Legal Framework – School Standards and Framework Act 1998

Responsibility for arranging school worship in community schools rests with the Headteacher after consultation with the Governing Body.

All students should take part in a daily act of Collective Worship.

There may be a single act of worship for all students or separate acts for students different age groups or in different school groups. Collective Worship may be held at any time during the school day, either on or off the school premises.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. This school expects that withdrawal will only be made following parental discussions with the Headteacher followed by a written confirmation of withdrawal.

The school has a system of suitable supervision for children withdrawn from Acts of Collective Worship. However, no additional work is set or followed in this time.

All teachers, including the Headteacher, have the right to withdraw from an Act of Collective Worship, but the Headteacher maintains statutory accountability.

Collective Worship organised by the school will be of a “wholly or broadly Christian character” and not distinctive of any particular Christian denomination.

Acts of worship should take into account students’ ages, aptitudes and family.

The Headteacher and Governors may apply for a determination from SACRE if there is a large number of students in the school who are from non-Christian families. This determination has not been sought for Limehurst Academy.

The Headteacher and Governors are responsible for the monitoring of incidents of religious bullying under the appropriate legislation.