

# Freegrounds Junior School Collective Worship Policy 2023



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Date approved:

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## **Principles**

1. As a school we follow the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act.
2. Collective Worship is an integral part of the broad and balanced curriculum to which all of our children are entitled.
3. Collective Worship in school underpins all aspects of school life.
4. Collective Worship in school is open to all staff and pupils and no assumptions are made about their personal commitment.
5. Whilst awareness of other religious traditions and beliefs may be raised, we recognise that the proper place for fuller exploration of these issues is in Religious Education lessons.

## **Aims**

### To develop:

- Social and Moral values.
- Spiritual awareness.
- British values.
- Knowledge of Christian values, beliefs, celebrations and patterns of worship.
- Awareness of other beliefs, traditions, cultures and patterns of worship.

### To provide a space in time which:

- Allows a pause for reflection and stillness in the midst of the pressure of the school day.
- Provides a rhythm to the life of the school by marking and celebrating special occasions and achievements.
- Facilitates the development of a sense of community, of belonging and sharing.
- Encourages pupils to learn how to be part of large and small gatherings, as well as offering opportunities to perform and respond to a presentation.
- Allows for celebration and reflection.

## Nature of Collective Worship

At Freegrounds Junior School, Collective Worship is led by the Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team and Teachers and comprises:

Monday	Whole School Collective Worship led by Senior Leaders
Tuesday	Class reflection time / Year Group Collective worship
Wednesday	Whole School Singing led by Music Lead
Thursday	Class reflection time / Year Group Collective worship
Friday	Worship and Celebration linked to our Learning Behaviours led by the Headteacher.

Regular acts of Collective Worship bring the school community together to share moral and spiritual values and attitudes. Although these are mainly of a broadly Christian character, they also draw upon the teachings of other religions and themes and are illustrated with stories, poems and drama from fact and fiction and personal experience. Where possible we actively involve children in Collective Worship, encouraging them to consider the issues they present and speak and perform in public. Visitors are encouraged to contribute to our Collective Worship programme e.g. representatives of charitable organisations, the local Mayor etc.

All children have the right to attend acts of Collective Worship. Parents/Carers have the right to withdraw their child/children from RE lessons and Collective Worship and should contact the school if they wish to discuss this with the Headteacher.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed every two years and will be monitored in line with the school learning and evaluation programme.