

Sunning Hill Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

September 2025

Governing Body Review date: September 2026

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Introduction : Collective worship aims within school provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- experience a daily act of worship
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian/Islamic nature (as appropriate) and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, common ethos and shared values
- develop spiritual and moral issues
- reflect and respond to the worship offered.
- promote British values and a culture of tolerance
- prepare pupils for life in modern Britain

Statutory Duty of School

Sunning Hill has to provide daily collective worship for all pupils (apart from any who may have been withdrawn from this by their parents). Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body.

However, as Sunning Hill is situated at the centre of a Muslim Community and the majority of pupils are of the Muslim faith, the school believes a broadly Islamic act of worship is more appropriate.

At Sunning Hill, a determination has been granted for Muslim pupils to attend a broadly Islamic assembly. This is in addition to the broadly Christian assembly offered by the school. Parents continue to have the right to withdraw from both types of assembly if they so choose.

This determination must be renewed every five years and the next date for renewal is March 2028.

Implementation

Collective worship is provided as a whole school, key stage or class. Collective worship, whether in assembly or class time, will:

- Appreciate, recognise and respect the beliefs and cultures of others
- Promote 'British Values'
- Celebrate religious festivals, as they occur in the year, and national events
- Celebrate success of self and others
- Be reflective of current, national and local issues
- Involve learners in ways appropriate to the circumstances
- Support the knowledge and understanding of the UNCRC and fundamental British Values
- Provide opportunity for individual reflection
- Be appropriate for the age, aptitude and background of the children.

The assemblies are planned by Mrs Rawlinson around a weekly theme and delivered by members of our community.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

Our school aims to support all families and the wider community. Any queries or concerns regarding individual policies will be considered on an individual basis.