

# **Patterdale C of E School Collective Worship Policy**

**Signed (Chair of Governors)**

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All the children come together for school family assemblies on a daily basis. This time of collective worship is seen as a time of communal response via celebration, reflection, participation, song and prayer to various stimuli. The purpose of this special time is to contribute to the spiritual development of the children. There is always a sense of respect for the feelings and emotions of individuals. When appropriate, children's creative work or suitable artefacts are used. A balance between music, speech and silence is aimed for. All children attend, so it is therefore essential that the balance of delivery is right for the large age range, varied interests, beliefs and abilities within the school.

## **Organisation**

The worship time takes place daily, usually in the library, which has a cosy, comfortable atmosphere:

Times vary, but are usually at either 11.30am or 1pm.

They last about 20 minutes.

The times and organisation are flexible. The vicar undertakes a worship time once a week. Children also lead a weekly worship time.

All children attend, but parents have the right to withdraw them.

A sense of order is expected upon leaving and entering and a relaxed and secure atmosphere is created.

## **Planning**

The themes for Collective Worship are planned with the staff and vicar for each term. The themes are displayed in the library.

The Act of Worship aims to comply with the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988.