



DERWENT VALE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

# COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

## **Rationale**

Collective Worship at Derwent Vale Primary School takes place daily in accordance with the provisions of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. It is mainly of a Christian nature.

The Policy has been prepared by the Governors and Head Teacher with the assistance from the Collective Worship co-ordinator.

Collective Worship takes place as part of whole school and/or class assembly, as part of individual meditation, before lunch and occasionally as part of RE lessons in class.

## **Aims**

We seek to reflect in our worship the affirmation and celebration of the basic values on which the school is based.

Our central aims are:-

- To provide pupils with regular opportunities for stillness and reflection
- To celebrate the gifts and talents of our pupils
- To help them develop respect, understanding and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others
- To develop a sense of community within the school, and of being part of a wider community
- To enable pupils to explore a variety of forms of worship
- To encourage in pupils feelings of awe, wonder, gratitude and reverence.

## **Organisation**

- Collective worship takes place as part of assembly.
- Worship for the whole school and takes place in the hall and is planned for and led by members of the teaching staff.
- Different adults lead collective worship. Members of the local clergy and parishioners are actively welcome to attend or lead. On Tuesday each class conducts its own collective worship within the classroom. Whole school assemblies may be a vehicle for members of other religious/non religious groups
- Parents and visitors are welcome on special occasions.

Collective Worship occurs in the following situations/places:-

- Assembly
- Class - before lunch/upon departing (home time)
- As part of individual meditation
- Occasionally as part of RE lessons in class

## **Withdrawal**

Parents have the statutory right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. However where Collective Worship occurs as part of assembly children are required to attend the remaining part of the assembly.