

Collective Worship Policy

Aims

Governors of The Warriner School recognise the need to provide students with the opportunity for a daily act of collective worship, the majority of which should be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character that is "reflecting" the "broad traditions of Christian belief" without being denominationally biased. Collective worship should also:

- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- Take into account the ages of students

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective Worship. This must be done by written application to the head teacher.

Objectives

This policy will:

- Meet the statutory requirements relating to acts of collective worship
- Reflect practice within The Warriner School (See appendix 1)
- Be well publicised

Roles and Responsibilities

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that this policy is fully implemented and for monitoring its use across the school. The Governing Body will review the policy as part of its annual review of all policies.

Monitoring and evaluation

The effectiveness of this policy will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Compliance with statutory requirements
- Practise within the school

This information will be obtained from a range of sources including:

- Monitoring by senior staff
- Feedback from staff, students and parents

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Signed: Headteacher

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Appendix 1 - Current Practice

Collective worship may either take the form of a school assembly, year group assembly or a tutor led time of reflection based on a whole-school theme. The aim of the whole school assemblies is to develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values. They take place each week.

In all cases the worship provided must:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve all the pupils.

Corporate acts of worship will be normally be led by a member of the Leadership Team. Opportunities for other members of staff to lead Acts of Worship are encouraged. From time to time religious leaders from the local community are invited to lead an Act of Worship. Students are also encouraged to lead as appropriate.