



## St Barnabas' C.E. Primary School

### Collective Worship Policy

*St. Barnabas' School celebrates the spiritual aspect of the whole school community. We think it is important for the whole school community to come together to celebrate and reflect on our values and beliefs. As a church school we reflect primarily Christian values and our worship is mainly of a Christian character.*

#### **Statutory requirements**

We must provide an act of worship for all pupils every day. [Education Reform Act 1988]. Parents may withdraw their children from Collective Worship if they so wish, staff may also withdraw if they wish. If parents or staff have any concerns we encourage contact with our Headteacher.

#### **Aims**

Our aims for Collective Worship link with our school ethos and school mission statement. We foster a sense of community by offering opportunities to celebrate achievements and successes and share differences and concerns. We reflect on Christian values which we promote in school and appreciate collective worship time as a "space" during the day to stop and reflect. We encourage individual children to develop their own spiritual and moral awareness through the use of story, music, images etc. At regular intervals we encourage the children to participate and we include the children in the ownership of the assemblies. This also provides opportunities for developing their performance skills. We welcome our Priest and other adults to take part and try to encourage links with the church and community.

#### **Organisation**

Our weekly pattern for Collective Worship is as follows:

Monday	Whole School with Headteacher – children, Headteacher or outside speaker lead the worship
Tuesday	Whole School worship and singing
Wednesday	School (including FSU) – sharing of work. The school community is invited.
Thursday	Whole School with the clergy of St Barnabas'
Friday	Class worship

Collective Worship takes place in the school hall. However we worship at St. Barnabas' Church at least once a term to celebrate important church festivals.

We are currently following 'Values for Life'. A plan is prepared each year and followed by the school and St Barnabas' Church.

Designated teacher:	Fiona Hawkins
Date agreed by staff:	October 2017
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