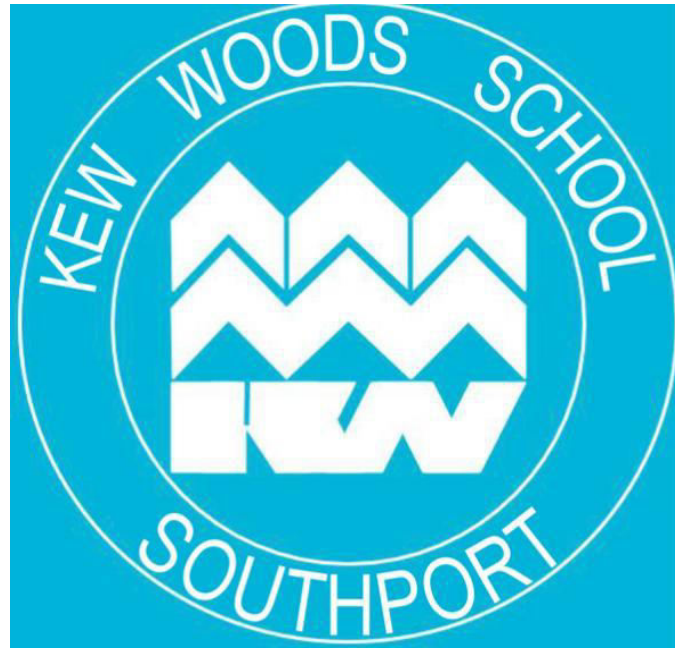


# KEW WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Collective Worship Policy

## **OVERVIEW**

The school is legally required to provide a daily act of collective worship for all its pupils. The regulations are set out in the Education Act 1944, as amended by the Education Reform Act 1988. The time at which this takes place and the form of the Collective Worship (whole school, team or class groupings) may vary from day to day.

Most of the Acts of Collective Worship will be largely of a Christian character. The school believe that collective worship is a significant element in our attempts to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils. The format and content must always be educationally justifiable. Our Collective Worship sessions link closely to our focus on British Values.

Collective worship is intended to bring the school together and foster its corporate life, not to be divisive or exclusive in any way. Whilst recognising the statutory rights of pupils and members of staff to withdraw from collective worship, the school seeks to encourage the presence and participation of all. The school recognises that its pupils and staff represents a variety of faith backgrounds. This diversity is valued and means that differing responses to material presented during collective worship are perfectly natural and will be respected. If parents do wish to withdraw their child from the Collective Act of Worship they should write to the clerk to the Governing Body in the first instance.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. Pupils will daily have the opportunity to participate in a quality, planned session of worship and reflection.
2. A variety of different teaching strategies and resources will be used to meet our statutory duty.
3. Strong links will be made between spiritual, moral, social and cultural education and religious education.
4. Worship will be used to help children understand and experience the meaning of great religious festivals and holy days.
5. Worship will contribute to community cohesion and will promote learners' spiritual, social and moral education.

## **STRATEGIES**

Termly overviews are produced showing the variety of topics and relevant issues to be covered. These topics can be fluid and adaptable to include relevant and recent global issues and news. Staff have a shared responsibility to plan for Collective Worship, as set out by the RE Subject Leader.

The RE Subject Leader is responsible for ensuring planning is completed, effective and varied.

Collective worship time is distinct from curriculum time. Teachers should ensure that Collective Worship time is clearly defined on their timetables.

## **OUTCOMES**

Collective Worship will be used to promote excellence and enjoyment; it will have a strong presence in the ethos of the school through music, drama, assemblies and reflection. Pupils will flourish individually within their communities and as citizens in a pluralistic society and global community. Collective Worship at Kew Woods Primary School will help prepare pupils for adult life, employment whilst promoting discernment and enabling pupils to combat prejudice.

## Appendix 1

# Kew Woods Primary School Curriculum Map – Collective Worship

Please note that the focuses may change each year depending upon events in the news / commemorative events etc

Term	Coverage
Autumn	New Beginnings / Code of Conduct Hope Good to be Me Why people pray? Respect Good Shepherd Forgiveness Share - Harvest festival Light / Diwali Remembrance Day Peace Saints Advent
Spring	Epiphany Resolutions/New Year Hope Trust Justice Lent St David's Day Healthy Minds Mothers Comic Relief St Patrick's Day Easter
Summer	St George's Day New Life Good News Christian Aid Week/Poverty Fair Trade Caring For Our World Food Father's Day Courage

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