



# Collective Worship Policy

December 2017

COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **Cotteridge Primary School Collective Worship**

**Cotteridge School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

In line with the Education Reform Act (1988), collective worship at Cotteridge is in school every day, for all pupils.

As specified in the Act, the school's collective worship is "wholly or mainly Christian nature", whilst taking into account beliefs and practices of other religions. The school takes a variety of themes which are part of, but not exclusive to, a broad Christian belief.

The purpose of the collective worship in the school is to:

- promote the moral, spiritual, mental, emotional and physical development of the child.
- be an educational experience which 'stimulates the possibility of reflecting inwardly, sharing outwardly and living upwardly.'
- give an 'opportunity to recognise, draw on, reflect on, affirm and celebrate the beliefs of those in the school and in the community and the wide world
- value achievement and diversity, at school and in the wider community.

In the school collective worship sometimes takes place as part of an assembly. This may take place through reflection, considering a story with a principled moral or singing a hymn. Whole school collective worship takes place on Mondays and Fridays, while on other days collective worship is organized so that it relates more closely to the ages and aptitudes of the children in separate acts of collective worship and moral reflection.

The school uses a variety of visits or visitors to broaden the range of experiences and understanding of other religions and cultures. Parents are invited to attend one class assembly per year which may include themes connected to worship.

**Under the 1988 Education Reform Act, parents retain the right to withdraw their child from the daily act of worship. The school's prospectus contains a statement about the Act's requirement that collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature' and remind parents that they have the right to withdraw their child. Staff also retain this right. The Act emphasizes the value of good and open communication with parents to promote understanding and harmony.**

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