

## **RAMSEY MANOR LOWER SCHOOL** **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

Ramsey Manor Lower School is a Values Education School where our Values underpin everything we do.

We are committed to safeguarding children and providing a safe and healthy environment for all to learn and grow.

**STATUS: STATUTORY**

**DATE ADOPTED:** March 2010

Policy agreed by staff: RS      date: March 2019

Policy agreed by Governors: JB      date: March 2019

Date of next review: March 2022

### **INTRODUCTION**

**Ramsey Manor Lower School is a Values school. The school promotes a set of Values such as Respect, Determination, Unity, Tolerance and Peace. They are designed to provide a framework. The new value is introduced through assemblies.**

The school also uses the SEAL materials and the new whole school topic, which is taught in PSHE lessons, is introduced through the first whole school assembly each half term.

### **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been **withdrawn by their parents**). This is usually provided within a daily assembly. Staff have the entitlement to withdraw from assemblies.

The headteacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.

### **THE SCHOOL CONTEXT**

The majority of children in the school are white European, **49%** of whom have stated their religion as Christian, Roman Catholic, Baptist or Anglican. The only places of worship in the immediate, local community are Christian. There are other faith places of worship in Luton (3 miles), but the children's every day experience of other faiths is limited.

### **SPIRITUALITY**

Our local Church of England vicar attends the school on a regular basis to take assemblies and assist the school with our religious education.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Collective worship will:

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

## ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are used to teach the children the meaning of, and ways to adhere to our Values. The children enter to music and are encouraged to sit in silence and use the time for reflection. The current Value is recalled and children's explanations of it requested. There is then a story, drama or role-play involving the pupils through which the Value is explored. The stories chosen may be Christian, multi-faith, secular or fable in nature. There is then a time for reflection and a song.

## ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Monday	Whole School
Tuesday	KS1- KS2 Circle Time/Reflection time
Wednesday	KS2- KS1 Circle time/Reflection time
Thursday	Singing assembly
Friday	Whole School

There are certain weeks of the year when the above format changes. When a major festival in another faith occurs, assemblies will celebrate that to raise the children's awareness of, and respect, for other faiths.

The school also has a Harvest Festival in October, Remembrance Assembly in November and Carol Concert in December at the local church. Other assemblies include Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need.

On days when pupils are not involved in a whole school or Key Stage assembly then collective worship takes place in the classroom through Circle Time/Reflection time.