



## **Collective Worship/Assembly Policy**

### **Rationale**

Collective Worship at Central Street are mainly of a broadly Christian character focusing on moral awareness, empathy, respect, responsibility and understanding of each other.

### **Aims**

Through our Assemblies and Collective Worship we aim

- To increase the children's knowledge and understanding of different faiths, cultures and communities.
- To develop shared values and reinforce positive values.
- To explore children's relationships with others and encourage empathy with them.
- To show children a way of improving their relationships with others.
- To examine children's thoughts and feelings and thereby further their understanding of their own emotions.
- To encourage curiosity, care and concern about the environment.
- To foster a sense of wonder of the natural world.
- To develop children's self esteem.
- To show children what contribution they can make to the world around them.
- To foster children's sense of belonging.
- To invite representatives from all faiths to share values and experiences with all children.
- For all children to be included in assemblies as appropriate to their need.

Children in Nursery are gradually introduced to whole school assemblies through visits during the year.

Reception children are introduced gradually to daily assembly.

### **Organisation and Management**

Collective Worship is intended to be appropriate for and to include all the pupils at Central Street of statutory school age (subject to the right of withdrawal).

Whole school assemblies take place on Monday and Wednesday and class assemblies are held on Tuesday and Thursday and the whole school meet for Family Assembly on Friday.

Assemblies are planned on a half termly basis, based on the SEAL programme, reflecting seasonal events and the celebration of religious festivals.

### **Right of Withdrawal**

The parental right of withdrawal a child from attending collective worship should be freely exercisable and Central Street School will respect any such request. Parents are not obliged to state their reasons for seeking withdrawal but must put their request in writing to the Head Teacher.

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