



## **SHIPTON BELLINGER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Governors Policy Statement on Collective Worship**

The Governing Body is responsible for reviewing the school's arrangements for collective worship and providing parents with information about collective worship and their rights.

In order to comply with the 1988 Education Reform Act, the school must provide daily collective worship for all pupils.

The responsibility for ensuring this daily act of worship is carried out, lies with the Headteacher, the organisation and conduct of this act of worship is to be done in accordance with the school's Collective Worship Policy.

The word "Worship" is not defined in the above legislation, but is described in the Hampshire LEA guidelines (1994).

Collective worship is to be "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character"; this need not contain entirely Christian material provided that, as a whole, it reflects Christian values. Not all acts of worship need to be broadly Christian, provided that the majority of them fulfil this requirement. Worship in this school also reflects and reinforces the school's values and attitudes.

Parent Rights: Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship, the procedure and other additional information is contained in the school's Collective Worship Policy. Should any parent feel that the school is failing to provide an acceptable form of daily collective worship, then they are invited to register their complaint in accordance with the school's complaint policy.

Teacher's Rights: Teachers are not obliged to lead or take part in collective worship.

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