Orchard Lea Federation

Collective Worship Policy

Date agreed: January 2024

Date for review: January 2027

Our rationale:

The Collective Worship meets the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act. Collective Worship is held daily. Each school meets together or in year or class groups (although initially the youngest Early Years children have a separate class-based worship). We meet together to engage in relevant, meaningful experiences, providing opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Schools are directed that:

Collective worship in county schools and equivalent grant maintained schools must be wholly or mainly or a broadly Christian character, though not distinctive of any particular Christian denomination.

Parental rights

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from all or parts of Collective Worship. Those children withdrawn are supervised by staff members. Teachers may withdraw from Collective Worship but at present no staff exercise this right.

We ask parents to put their request in writing to the relevant Head of School.

Our content:

- The schools follow a rolling programme of themes, based upon broad Christian concepts, British values and a mixture of secular and Christian stories.
- Festivals of different religions are celebrated. For example, Easter and Diwali.
- Worship takes a variety of forms including quiet reflection; listening to an adult/child reading a prayer; personal prayer; listening to music or poetry and singing together.
- A variety of songs are sung, which are largely linked to our weekly themes.
- Parents are encouraged to attend celebration assemblies and class assemblies, and will receive an invitation when their child is to be involved in either assembly.
- Regular collective worship is held by Pastor Simojoki from Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Fareham.
- Time for quiet reflection or prayer.