

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Collective Worship Policy



'At Calshot we aim to provide the highest quality of learning and care for ALL children in a safe and enjoyable environment, nurturing personal values, in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community. We expect everyone in our school to strive to achieve their full potential.'

# **Collective Worship Policy**

## **Rationale**

Calshot Primary School will comply with the relevant legislation relating to collective worship in schools. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

## **Context**

All maintained schools have a statutory duty to provide daily collective worship for registered pupils, apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents.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. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the Headteacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

The Headteacher is responsible for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body.

## **Aims**

We aim to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils in our school. Collective worship should be:

- Inclusive (pupil centred, affirm diversity, respect integrity, involve community, share values and promote equality)
- Educational (a learning experience, properly supported, varied, celebrate success, share disappointment, broaden and deepen understanding, and challenging)
- Spiritual (open, a space to breathe, reflective and refreshing, promote questioning, atmospheric and explore personal belief)

## **Practice and Procedures**

- An Act of Collective Worship will take place every day. The time at which this takes place and the form of the Collective Worship (whole school, team or class groupings) may vary from day to day.
- The majority of the Acts of Collective Worship will be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.
- The Act of Collective Worship will be non-denominational.
- Whilst fully complying with the law, the school will be sensitive to the fact that not all children will come from religious families.

## **Right of Withdrawal**

Parents retain the right to withdraw their children from any form of Collective Worship under the 1988 Education Reform Act. This right is made clear to parents/carers in our school prospectus. Requests to withdraw children must be made in writing and discussed with the Head teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made.

## **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The Deputy Head teacher will keep a record of all Acts of Collective Worship themes through the assembly timetable. The school will review this policy regularly and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

**Date agreed by the Governing Body: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**