



Shine like Stars



LOWDHAM C of E PRIMARY

## Collective Worship Policy

**L**ove others – *“My command is this: love each other as I have loved you.”* John 15:12

**E**veryone join in – *“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”* Psalm 133:1

**A**lways do your best – *“Work at everything you do with all your heart.”* Colossians 3:23

**R**each out – *“Do to others as you want them to do to you.”* Luke 6:31

**N**ever give up – *“I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.”* Philippians 4:13

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## **MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT**

**At Lowdham CofE Primary School**, the children’s care, wellbeing and safety come first. The school seeks to maximise the potential of the children placed in its care, within a Christian atmosphere and environment.

The school is concerned to promote the social development and self-worth of each child within the Christian ethos of the school and within the context of the wider community. We uphold **British Values** (see policy statement) within our Collective Worship:

### **In recognising and accepting these responsibilities we aim to:**

- ☒ Develop a caring community in which all members have respect for the dignities, rights, values and needs of others regardless of race, religion, disability or gender;
- ☒ Provide an education to help pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding required to realise their aspirations as well as the desire to use them;
- ☒ Help pupils to assess their own values and their relationships with others developing personal motivation, self discipline and the necessary social skills;
- ☒ Prepare pupils for their adult lives in the home, at work and in the wider community and become contributing members of society;
- ☒ Foster an openness of mind which maintains an interest in learning as a continuing process throughout life;
- ☒ Support and promote the fundamental British values of: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

The Collective Worship Policy at **At Lowdham CofE Primary School** pays due regard to statutory requirements and has taken account of the guidance offered by the LA through its SACRE.

The Collective Worship Policy of **Lowdham CofE Primary School** is consistent with the philosophy and aims of the school as expressed in the school prospectus.

### **Definition of Collective Worship**

Collective Worship is a time when the whole school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

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## Aims of Collective Worship

### For the School:

CW contributes significantly to the Christian ethos of **Lowdham CofE Primary School** and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

worship

- ☒ share common aims and values
- ☒ celebrate achievement and special times
- ☒ explore together the world in which we live
- ☒ develop a community spirit

### For the Pupils:

We also intend that CW contributes to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person by providing opportunities to:

- ☒ worship that which is considered worthy
- ☒ consider spiritual and moral issues
- ☒ explore their own beliefs
- ☒ develop their own spirituality
- ☒ reinforce positive attitudes
- ☒ participate and respond
- ☒ reflect on what it means to be human

## The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

CW time is distinct from curriculum time. However, in **Lowdham CofE Primary School** CW will at times feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. At times, CW will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives. We follow the Church's year and link to HeartSmart themes.

The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy which informs our practice. To ensure CW provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it should address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

## The Management of Collective Worship

The Headteacher (Matt Jones) and deputy/RE leader (Andrea Burrows) are responsible for the overseeing of CW to ensure that it matches the Church of England's calendar and values and that it conforms with our policy. The role of the team will be to plan, monitor and evaluate acts of CW. Pupils from years 5 and 6 are trained as 'Leading Lights' and are involved in the above and to consider the 'Values' for our school. The values of **Lowdham CofE Primary School** are similar to values in any church school and follow the 4 main

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pillars of the Church of England: Wisdom, Hope, Community and Dignity but specifically come from the 5 values of the **Lowdham Learner** which each have a key Bible verse linked to it (see cover).

### **The Organisation of Collective Worship**

CW takes place in the school hall.

Acts of worship will usually last for approximately 15 minutes, although it is recognised that this time will be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate.

Whole school acts of worship take place on Mondays – a termly theme; Tuesdays – inspirational people/Change Makers; Wednesdays – visitors; Thursdays – singing; Fridays – achievement/celebration.

### **Leadership**

Every member of the school staff and occasional visitors will be involved in leading acts of worship at some point in the school year.

### **Planning Acts of Collective Worship**

Annual themes are set with reference to the Christian (Anglican) calendar. The content of all acts of CW will be considered carefully, to ensure relevance and suitability for the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of all pupils.

The list of themes, special occasions and events is flexible to allow the inclusion of current and topical issues. Together with weekly planning and a record folder, we ensure that there is continuity and progression, and enable the monitoring and evaluation of acts of worship to take place.

Visitors are welcomed to lead CW on a regular basis and will be given guidance on acts of CW at **Lowdham CofE Primary School**.

### **The Act of Collective Worship**

A variety of teaching and learning styles and active and interactive methods are appropriate in acts of CW. Any and all of the methods employed in the classroom can be used effectively in acts of CW. A variety of resources will also be used. Leaders will choose the style/method and resources which are appropriate to the content, the age, aptitude and the background of the pupils.

The content and process must be sufficiently stimulating in order to evoke a response in the individual. This may not be visual, but opportunity must be given to express this response through reflection and prayer.

If announcements are to be given at the same time as an act of worship then they will be of a positive nature, which at times may enhance the act of worship itself. Announcements will be made preceding the act of worship and a clearly defined break

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between them and the act of worship will be made. (A change of personnel, music, a moment of silence etc)

### Withdrawal

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act or acts of CW may request that their child is withdrawn. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with the Head Teacher. Any pupil who is withdrawn from an act or acts of CW will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

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