



## Collective Worship Policy

### **Introduction**

Our School Mission Statement states that we aim to share and ‘foster the participation of all members of the School community in the liturgy and acts of worship in order to nurture a deeper understanding of their own faith.’ Through the provision of Collective Worship in a variety of ways and contexts we hope to achieve this.

### **Statutory Duty**

- The School has a statutory duty to provide daily Collective Worship and this is offered through the weekly assemblies and morning class reflections.

### **Aims**

The aim of Collective Worship is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Worship God;
- Reflect on values that are of a Christian nature and on their own beliefs;
- Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values;
- Consider spiritual and moral issues;
- Respond to the worship offered.

### **Inclusive**

The School requires its assemblies to:

- Recognise and celebrate the diversity of cultures, life-styles and religions which exist in our multicultural society. However the majority of the Acts of Collective Worship will be Christian in character;
- Have an atmosphere in which everyone feels valued and safe;
- Be suitable for every pupil to attend unless withdrawn by his/her parent/carer;
- Focus on issues and experiences that are relevant to the pupils;
- Include active participation by various members of the School and wider community.

### **Educational**

The School requires its assemblies to:

- To reinforce the teachings of the Catholic Church;
- To enhance, complement and extend the curricular work and be valuable learning experiences;
- To provide an opportunity to celebrate the academic, social, personal or sporting achievements of the pupils.