

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY STATEMENT

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The daily act of Collective Worship is a legal requirement in all schools. In a Church School it should always be Christian worship and it should reflect the traditions of the Church of England. It should provide opportunity everyone in the school to:

- Express praise and thanksgiving to God
- Reflect on the attributes of God
- Reflect on the teachings of Christ
- Affirm Christian values and attitudes
- Share each others joys and challenges
- Celebrate special times in the Christian Calendar
- Foster respect and unity
- Deepen spiritual awareness

Collective Worship has a major contribution to upholding the religious character of a Church School and ensuring that it is understood and owned by all pupils and staff. For this reason it is recommended a working party comprising representatives of the Foundation Governors and teaching staff meet periodically to monitor Collective Worship policy and practice.

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