

The Federation of  
Stoke Hill Schools



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# Collective Worship



## **FEDERATION OF STOKE HILL SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS POLICY STATEMENT**

### **Introduction**

The Federation of Stoke Hill Schools believe that Collective Worship plays a very important role in the life of our schools. It is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life to support our curriculum and to provide an opportunity for stillness and reflection in what is often a very busy, active day for our children.

### **Aims**

The central aims of Collective Worship at Stoke Hill are to:

- provide our children with regular opportunities for stillness and reflection
- promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- celebrate the values and worth of the school community and all who belong in it, including the sharing of the gifts and talents of our children.
- help children develop an understanding both of the nature and language of worship
- help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others
- support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, dance, story, drama and other visual and oral means of communication.

### **The Legal Position**

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that collective worship must be on a daily basis for all registered pupils. Furthermore, acts of worship "must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character, i.e. reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief." We recognise that in our schools we have children from a variety of faith backgrounds and that many children have no religious background at all. Great care is taken in our

collective worship to ensure that all children feel valued and special and that their integrity as human beings is consistently upheld. Our assemblies will be conducted in a manner as sensitive and inclusive as to ensure that all children feel comfortable to attend the assembly. However, parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from any act or acts of Collective Worship. Parents who have any concerns about the provision and practice of our Collective Worship are strongly encouraged to contact the Headteacher.

### **Context of Collective worship**

In order to promote children's learning, our acts of collective worship vary in size. Our current pattern is set out below:

	<b>Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery School</b>	<b>Stoke Hill Junior School</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>Whole school</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Year group</b>	<b>Year group / Class</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jigsaw</b>	<b>Whole school</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>Class / Year group</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Whole school</b>

Visitors play an important part in the life of our schools and sometimes contribute to acts of worship.

### **Conclusion**

Collective Worship plays a very important role in our schools as we seek to develop our children in the skills of reflection and empathy, to encourage and celebrate their talents and to promote their spiritual and moral development.