

**PUCKLECHURCH C.E. V.C PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Policy on Collective Worship**

**Rationale:** Collective Worship is a requirement of the Education Reform Act, 1988. The school will ensure that its practice accords with the requirements of this and any subsequent relevant legislation (e.g. Circular 1/94).

**Aims:** The school is required to provide Collective Worship that will contribute positively to the spiritual, moral and cultural development of the children.

**Guidelines:** The school will provide daily Collective Worship in school which will be "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character".

Regard will be taken of children's' age, aptitude and family/cultural background.

Parents will continue to have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship.

Teaching staff are asked to support the broadly Christian ethos of the school, but this does not affect the statutory safeguards for teachers regarding religious belief and practice.

Collective Worship in school should be planned to last fifteen minutes, and should not normally extend beyond twenty minutes in duration.

**Conclusion:** As a Church of England School we seek to adhere generally to the spiritual foundation of the school and in particular to the 'Terms of Union' of the National Society. The historic links with Anglican tradition will, at times, be reflected in worship in school. Our policy, in every other respect however, is to be open to a variety of Christian traditions and give children a positive spiritual awareness.

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