

# COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

## Chapel en le Frith C of E Primary School

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18.06.07	06.10.14	T1 2017	Teaching and Learning Committee	6iv	
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### **Philosophy:**

At Chapel-en-le-Frith C of E Primary School the daily act of worship is seen as an important focus for the start of the day. This is either class based or takes place in key stage or as a whole school. Children from EYFS join Collective Worship when appropriate.

### **Aims**

Collective Worship is planned to help the pupils understand the concept of worship by providing a quiet reflection time, opportunities for prayer and reflection, both private and corporate, and the children's emerging sense of awe, wonder and reverence.

### **How we fulfil our aims**

1. A candle is lit in every key stage and whole school assembly, indicating to all pupils that a special event is occurring. Music and poetry may also be used.
2. The majority of assemblies each term are of a broadly Christian character, that is, they reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief.
3. A termly programme of themes is followed and is linked to the DCC RE guidance or the SEAL materials visions and values.
4. Pupils behave in a quiet and thoughtful way during collective worship, thus contributing to a reflective and worshipful atmosphere. They are invited to make a contribution, but if they do not wish to join in there is no requirement to do so, they are invited. They are encouraged to take part, but the integrity of the staff and children is respected.
5. All staff to lead class, year group and whole school Collective Worship.
6. A wide variety of approaches is used so that pupils can experience some of the variety of ways in which people express their sense of awe, wonder, reverence, sorrow and joy.
7. The Vicar and other clergy regularly lead whole school collective worship. Visits are made to the Parish Church of St Thomas Becket and the Methodist Church.
8. Whole school celebrations for Harvest, Christmas and Easter are held at the local Churches.
9. Children also engage and plan "Seeing Anew" Collective Worship twice a half term.
10. Children can help lead Collective Worship by volunteering to be a Worship Leader.
11. Parents will be invited to attend their child's class assembly each year.
12. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship; by arrangement with the Headteacher.