



**Villa Real School**  
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# Collective Worship Policy

## 2023

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Signed and Adopted by the Governing Body:

Chair of Governors

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## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

The Collective Worship Policy at Villa Real School pays due regard to legal requirements and is consistent with the guidelines offered by the SACRE of Durham Local Authority. This Collective Worship Policy reflects the spirit of Villa Real School and is consistent with the philosophy and aims of the School as expressed in the School prospectus.

### **DEFINITION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Collective Worship is the time set aside from other aspects of school life, when learners are given the opportunity to learn and reflect on a variety of issues which may evoke a worshipful response.

### **AIMS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

To provide all learners with the opportunity to:

- Develop their own spirituality
- Be part of a community spirit
- Participate and respond
- Provide opportunities in which pupils interact with other year groups, staff and on occasions the wider community, as well as offering opportunities to perform and respond to a presentation of readings, music or prayer.
- Opportunities to share success and celebrations

It is also our aim to promote a common ethos and shared values.

### **THE CONTRIBUTION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP TO ASPECTS OF THE CURRICULUM**

Collective Worship can contribute to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of learners through:

- New experiences
- Celebrating together
- Celebration of each other
- Creating a sense of wonder
- Learning about other cultures and religions

### **THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CURRICULUM TO COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

We believe that it is sound educational practice to draw on and from all areas of the Curriculum (not just RE) and the outside world in order to provide valuable experiences in collective worship.

## **THE ORGANISATION AND LEADERSHIP OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Whole School Collective worship takes place in the School Hall on Friday at 10.00 am led by the Senior Leadership Team. Assemblies are also held on Tuesdays for primary and secondary. Collective Worship/refection time is also timetabled in every class, daily.

Other members of School staff and organised visitors, will lead acts of worship at some point in the School year when appropriate.

There is an Annual Calendar of themed assemblies.

## **RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Parents retain the right to withdraw their children from parts or all acts of collective worship.