



## MERSEY VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

**At Mersey Vale Primary School, we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all irrespective of race, gender, ability, religion, socio-economic factors and disability. The achievement of all pupils is monitored and we use this data to raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching and learning.**

**We aim to provide our pupils with a firm foundation which will enable them to fulfil their potential. We seek to eliminate unlawful discrimination. At Mersey Vale we believe that diversity and inclusion are strengths, which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit here.**

#### **Statutory Duty of School**

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). This is usually provided within a daily assembly. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.

The aim of our collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to: worship

- reflect on values and beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered.

#### **Implementation**

Collective worship will:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve the pupils

At Mersey Vale we encourage the children to acquire reasoned and positive attitudes and beliefs which include a respect for and understanding of other peoples' spiritual, religious, moral and cultural ways of life.

We help them to appreciate the world in which they live and the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations. Central to our Equal Opportunities Policy is the development of a child's positive self image. We draw upon everyone's beliefs, cultures and backgrounds to achieve these outcomes.

Through our RE curriculum we promote knowledge and understanding of the underlying principles of Christianity and other major faiths.



Occasionally a parent may wish to exercise the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. In this case the parent should put this in writing to the headteacher who will discuss the matter with them to make sure their request is based on a clear understanding of what school worship involves and also to make arrangements for the supervision of the child.

At some time during each school day, children come together for an act of collective worship which allows a short time for reflection.

We have a rota for whole school and key stage assemblies which includes a variety of activities including; SEAL assemblies, Bible stories, 'Well done' assembly, sharing assembly, singing assembly.

We also welcome visitors to lead our assemblies and have good links with local faith groups. Everyone is invited to say the Mersey Vale Primary School prayer together during collective worship and we also reflect on our 'Thought for the week'. The prayer has been written by members of the school community and is appropriate to different faiths.

### **School Prayer**

Dear God I come to say,  
Thank you for your love today.  
Thank you for my family  
And all the friends you give to me.  
Guard me in the dark of night  
And in the morning send your light.  
Amen

### **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

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Chair of Governors