

SHELTON INFANT SCHOOL

POLICY FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The aims of this collective worship policy are to provide opportunities for pupils to:

- Worship God
 - Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian character and on their own beliefs.
 - Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values.
 - Consider spiritual and moral values.
 - Respond to the worship offered
1. Collective worship in this school will be mainly of a broadly Christian character but not distinctive of any denomination. Other faiths will be acknowledged and explored.
 2. Collective worship forms part of assemblies in school.
 3. The presentation of collective worship will be varied, e.g. sharing of stories, videos, celebration of special days and festivals, sharing of special times etc. and the atmosphere will vary from celebratory to quiet reflection. Themes will link to the locally agreed Derby City Religious Education Syllabus.
 4. Parents will be invited to Harvest Festival and Christmas assemblies in school, and to join the children and staff at the Spring Service and Summer Service of collective worship at nearby St Edmund's Church.
 5. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship and those who wish to do so should be asked to contact the Headteacher. Parents will be invited to make provision in school for the child's collective worship time. If this is not possible then the child will be given activities to do and will be supervised by a member of staff until the collective worship finishes.
 6. Teachers have the right on grounds of conscience to withdraw from participation in collective worship or from any particular act of collective worship.