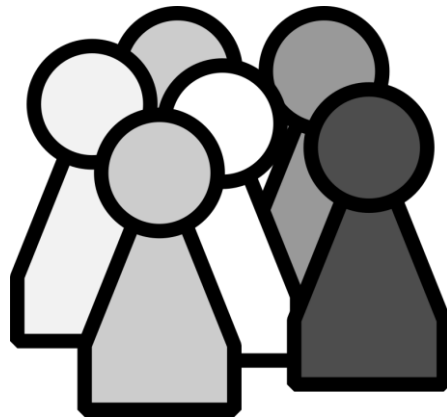




# ***Collective Worship Policy***



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## The Willow on Broadwaters Vision

*Our children are passionate learners who excel academically and are resilient, reflective, creative and confident. They leave us with the competencies needed to thrive in the current and future world.*

### Values

- We ensure our children love coming to school because it is safe, fun, challenging and exciting.
- We have high expectations and are committed to supporting each individual to achieve their dreams.
- Everyone is valued as a unique member of our diverse community.
- We uphold the highest standards in all that we do and look continually to improve ourselves, so that what we do today, we do even better tomorrow.

## The Willow Primary School Collective Worship Policy

### ***Aims and purpose***

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- to be respectful and value all religious groups while delivering a broadly Christian approach to worship
- to enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- to enable children to explore their own beliefs;
- encourage participation and response;
- develop in children a sense of community spirit;
- to promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes;
- teach children how to worship.



## ***Collective worship***

Collective worship involves members of the school coming together and participating in an assembly or act of reflection within class.

We conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school and have assemblies that reflect other traditions that are represented in the school and the wider community.

On days when there is no assembly, 10 minutes of each day should be set aside for personal thought and reflection within class time.

## ***Organisation of collective worship***

A whole school assembly takes place each Monday with key stage assemblies on Friday.

Assemblies are conducted in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that assembly time is a period of reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way.

The headteacher or other members of staff conduct assemblies, but sometimes local clergy or representatives of local religious groups conduct them instead. We also invite guest speakers, such as representatives from community groups i.e. the police.

Our assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in assemblies by showing their work to the other children and raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Assemblies offer an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of schools. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised.

Parents and governors are invited to attend special assemblies, such as end of term celebrations.

## ***Right of withdrawal***

We expect all children to attend assembly. Parents have a right to withdraw their child/ren should they wish. Requests should be put in writing to the headteacher.

