

# GUILDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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### **Purpose**

Collective worship within Guildford County School will reflect the values of the school, which are concerned with mutual respect, cultural diversity and social inclusion, and will be of a broadly Christian character. It will include all students unless they have been withdrawn by their parents.

Collective worship will provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- reflect and actively participate
- reinforce the values of the school community and its ethos
- celebrate successes.

### **Aims**

The aims of Collective Worship is to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural and social development of students and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Collective Worship will be delivered through Assemblies, Tutor Time, Tutorial, PSHE and Citizenship led by the Leadership Team, Pastoral Team and visiting speakers. The School will also hold annual Christmas and Easter Services based on Christian teaching led by the RE and Music Departments.

### **Consultation**

This policy was approved by the governing body. This policy should be read in conjunction with the curriculum, equal opportunities and race equality policies.

The **headteacher** will ensure that:

- the governing body is consulted about the broad nature and arrangements for collective worship
- alternative provision is made for pupils whose parents request that they do not attend the collective worship.

All staff are invited to participate in and make an active contribution to collective worship, and encourage pupils to become actively involved.

The Curriculum Committee will receive a report from the headteacher annually on the themes covered in collective worship and how they complement the school's aims and values.

*This policy was approved by the Personnel and Curriculum Committee in March 2008. It will be reviewed again in three years time, in March 2011.*