



LONGHILL

HIGH SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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

- worship
- learn to reflect on spiritual and moral issues
- explore the world in which we live and reflect on what it means to be human
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- celebrate achievement and special times
- respond to the worship offered.

Statutory Duty of School

All schools should provide a daily act of collective worship. However Longhill is unable to provide a daily act of collective worship due to the physical limitations of the buildings and the size of the school. All students attend at least one per week, which are based on spiritual, moral, social and cultural concepts and encourage students to reflect upon these issues. On other days, students have the opportunity to reflect further on the selected themes during mentoring periods.

These assemblies are wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. The assemblies are conducted in a way which is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of the school.

However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the Headteacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly or mentor time, will:

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

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.