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Collective Worship Policy

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Rationale

Collective Worship is central to the fulfilment of the academy's vision to develop the potential of each child in a caring community.

At Uphill Village Academy, to make a positive difference we believe:

- All children can be trusted to learn, if the conditions are right
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- Children and adults will take responsibility in their education and their lives
- Courage and compassion are essential to learning.

The daily act of Collective Worship at Uphill follows the statutory requirement (Education Reform Act 1988 and Circular 1/94) and is a time of togetherness and sharing for the academy's community.

Aims

To provide opportunities for children to:

- Consider spiritual and moral issues;
- Explore, value and respect other beliefs and traditions;
- Participate and respond in a variety of ways, i.e. through active involvement, response to an image/object or listening to and reflecting upon stories;
- Think of the needs of others and develop a sense of community;
- Explore feelings such as awe, wonder, mystery, joy;
- Celebrate 'good things', praise achievements and recognise their own potential and worth;
- Learn how to behave in large social gatherings, how to perform in front of an audience and how to respond appropriately to such performances.

Our Collective Worship will be appropriate to the ages and aptitudes of the children and will take account of children's family background. It will reflect the religious denominations in Great Britain and will be in the main broadly Christian, whilst taking account of the teaching and practices of other principle religions represented in Great Britain.

Guidelines

The act of Collective Worship can be held at any time and in any grouping. It is an opportunity for us to share and value our work at our academy, a time for celebration and reflection, and an opportunity to consider morals, values and practices that are held to be important in our lives.

The Principal, Vice Principal, teaching staff, visitors or children may lead Collective Worship.

Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their children from all, or parts of, Collective Worship and Religious Education lessons. Any parent or carer wishing to do so should contact the Principal.

Conclusion

Uphill Village Academy seeks to create a positive learning environment in which all the children will flourish and gain the self-confidence needed to fulfil their unique potential. The conscious effort made to promote cultural and spiritual values will create a secure community and foster a positive learning environment. It will nurture and develop the children's insight into their beliefs.

Monitoring and review

Collective Worship will be monitored through discussion at staff and governors' meetings.

This policy should be read in conjunction with other academy policies and will be reviewed annually.