



TIMU ACADEMY TRUST

Policy Document for: Collective Worship

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Introduction

As with all maintained schools, Timu Trust schools are expected to provide daily collective worship for all registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). This act of collective worship is usually provided within a daily assembly. The principal is responsible under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 for arranging the daily act of collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature depends on the family background, ages and abilities of the school's pupils. If ever it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the principal will apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Objectives and targets

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

- Worship God.
- 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.
- Respond to the worship offered through listening and participation.
- Actively promote fundamental British values.
- Promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of our pupils.

Action plan

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

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils.
- Include a variety of elements at different times.
- Involve the pupils.

Responsibility for assuring the quality of the content and delivery of the programme of collective worship rests with the principal.

An annual programme is determined for school collective worship and implemented throughout the school year. The programme follows the major religious festivals and gives strong guarantees of coverage and appropriate opportunities for pupil response. Within the programme and ethos of collective worship, opportunities for leading school assembly are available to pupils, staff, parents, governors and members of the community served by the school. The annual programme is an enabling mechanism and does not

exclude the exploration of other themes and approaches. The collective worship programme is displayed in school and is available on request from the school office.

Monitoring and evaluation

The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout our schools. The principal will monitor its implementation and report to the governors periodically any supportive comments or complaints that have been received about the programme of collective worship, so that the programme may be developed as necessary.

Reviewing

The efficacy of the policy will be discussed annually as part of the governors' rolling programme of reviews.