



## HALLAM FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

### ASSEMBLY / COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Within this statement lies the policy for collective Worship.

Assembly involves gathering of the children together to share a common activity. Therefore, we see our Assemblies as an opportunity to share musical appreciation, to enjoy stories on a theme, to focus attention on school rules and behaviour and to acknowledge and share achievements.

However, within such assemblies is the time set aside for collective worship which involves the children in the singing of hymns, joining in and listening to prayers and exploring spiritual and moral issues.

#### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In formulating a policy for Collective Worship, the legal requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988, as amended by the Education Act 1993 have been considered and adhered to.

We aim to provide the children with the opportunity to participate in an act of worship in order to explore mainly Christian values and beliefs but also to appreciate the wider range of beliefs and customs of today's multi-cultural society and to uphold the general ethos of the school.

#### ORGANISATION

Although usually held in the morning, the time can be varied to suit circumstances.

Members of staff take turns to plan and lead acts of worship and visitors are invited to lead or share in Acts of Collective Worship from time to time.

One Act of Collective Worship each week may be set aside for children to 'share' their achievements both in and out of school and celebrate them with the whole school community. Children may receive 'Headteacher Awards', 'Merit certificates' and 'Star of the Week' certificates.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

MONDAY	3.05 – 3.20 pm	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY LED BY HEADTEACHER
TUESDAY	3.05 – 3.20 pm	CLASS ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY	3.05 – 3.20 pm	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY LED BY Assistant HTs
THURSDAY	3.05 – 3.20 pm	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY LED BY A CLASS TEACHER ON ROLLING CYCLE
FRIDAY	2.55 – 3.20 pm	WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY LED BY HEADTEACHER – ALL STAFF IN

## **THEMES**

The Act of Collective Worship reflect the major festivals of the Christian Calendar and explore social/moral and cultural issues. The Children are also introduced to significant people who have shaped the world we live in today both from sacred and secular sources.

Our Acts of Worship also provide an opportunity for listening and responding to music and a time for stillness and reflection. Children enter assembly quietly and view a sequence of images taken from all over the world, or on a given topic discussing the common theme of them.

The content of the Assembly is normally based on a theme.

The Friday assembly is one where children are given the opportunity to share their achievements both from school and outside.

During the year each class prepares at least one Special Assembly, usually based on work or a R.E. theme that has been covered in the classroom to which parents are invited. Parents are also invited to the Christmas Concert/Carol Service and any other occasions which may take place throughout the year.

A record of all visitors who lead an assembly is kept by the headteacher.

## **RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL**

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from religious education and worship. If any parent wishes to do this then they need to write to the head teacher.