The Woodland Federation
of Peak District Schools

Collective Worship policy

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In designing and implementing policies, the school aims to demonstrate its positive approach to inclusion.

PURPOSE OF WORSHIP

- To reflect on the significant features of human life.
- To explore our responses to the world in which we live, developing a sense of awe and wonder.
- To learn about the Christian beliefs and traditions upon which our society is based.
- To enable us to better understand and appreciate the religious beliefs of others.
- To enable us to develop our own response to the spiritual side of life.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

The school is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School. This means that we have two Foundation Governors from the Parish of Peak Forest.

We aim to have special services in King Charles & Martyr Parish Church during Harvest, Easter and Christmas of each year. We invite the vicar as well as a number of other Christian lay preachers to conduct school assemblies on a regular basis. We also hold our celebration leavers’ service in church at the end of the academic year.

WORSHIP IN SCHOOL

A daily act of worship takes place in the school each morning. This is of a Christian nature, and reflects the Anglican foundation of the school. It is led by the head teacher and other members of staff, or by others in whom we have confidence, e.g. Matlock Area Schools Trust, our local lay preacher and our vicar.

WITHDRAWAL FROM WORSHIP

It is hoped that the worship at The Woodland Federation is of a kind that includes everyone. However, the law allows parents to withdraw their children from Worship and Religious Education lessons. Teachers are also allowed to withdraw from Worship should they wish to abstain.

Implementation of this policy will be the responsibility of the headteacher.

This policy has been approved by the school’s Governing Body on 03/05/2018 and is subject to an annual review.