



## **Collective Worship Policy**

The Governors and staff of Lowton Church of England High School are committed to the provision of a high quality education in a Christian context. We aim to provide a school where we can live out our ethos of Caring, Learning and Succeeding on a daily basis. At the heart of the commitment is the notion of the uniqueness and infinite worth of the individual, that every person is valuable in the eyes of God

This policy has been produced in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 2006 and the Special Educational Needs Disability Act 2001, the SEND Code of Practice 2014 and the Children and Families Act 2014. It has been reviewed in accordance with all other school policies and related Acts, including the Equality Act

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## *Introduction*

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Lowton Church of England High School is a Foundation Church of England School.

Collective Worship is an integral and central part of school life and is driven by the school's ethos based on Christian beliefs, values and practises. The Collective Worship policy has been designed with the school community in mind. Students and staff come from a variety of Christian and non-Christian backgrounds and we recognise and respect other faith groups and members of our school community.

Our ethos is based on the values of Caring, Learning and Succeeding and are underpinned by the Biblical quote in Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

*“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

We aim to provide a school where we can live out our ethos on a daily basis and let our light shine. At the heart of the commitment is the notion of the uniqueness of the individual, that every person is valuable in the eyes of God and that they are, indeed, the light of the world. Collective worship reinforces this belief and encourages members of the school community to value themselves and each other.

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## *Aims*

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Collective Worship is central to the life of Lowton CofE High School and aims to provide opportunities for students and staff to come together to worship and experience God. Collective Worship aims to be inclusive there are opportunities for the school community to come together in small focus groups, form groups, year groups and as a whole school community. Our worship is invitational we encourage participation and response through active involvement with the worship activities that are offered. Our offer of Collective worship is designed to be inspirational, we encourage staff and students to explore what it means to have a faith, encourage them to consider spiritual and moral issues, explore their own beliefs and values and develop a spiritual understanding of their own.

Collective worship provides students and staff the opportunity to:

- Worship God
- Learn about Christian values and share experiences and reflections on their meaning
- Learn about the Christian message
- Celebrate key events in the Christian calendar
- Learn how to pause and reflect on these values
- Offer opportunities for reflection and prayer
- Experience a variety of styles of worship

- Experience coming together as a community and spending time in fellowship with each other
- Develop the ability to reflect on social, moral and spiritual values
- Provide opportunities to participate in the planning, preparing and presenting of Collective Worship
- Reflect and think more deeply about issues relating to themselves and the wider world and encourage a sense of awareness and empathy towards the needs of others
- Share and reflect on achievements, joys and difficulties of all members of the community
- Experience reflection, stillness and quietness.
- Celebrate other faith traditions and provide an opportunity to celebrate shared values

#### **Worship will**

- Nurture spiritual growth
- Give students and staff a sense of identity as members of Lowton Cof E High School
- Enhance social understanding and provide opportunities to think of others and reflect on contributions to the school community and the wider world
- Develop knowledge and understanding of the Christian message

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### *How Collective Worship is Delivered at LCEHS*

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#### **Pattern of Collective Worship**

Daily collective worship takes place in the middle of the day at the beginning of form time. In addition to form time Collective Worship, each year group will take part in collective Worship once a week. Whole school collective worship takes place at least once per half term and the whole school community observes key Christian festivals and special days throughout the year including Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Holocaust, Easter and others.

The Collective Worship schedule follows the programme below:

<b>Day of the week:</b>	<b>Focus of the session</b>	<b>Prayer to use:</b>
Monday	<i>A thought to start the week Messages from Head of Year</i>	<i>Father God we thank you for the week that lies ahead that is full of promise and possibilities. Give us strength and energy for this new week. Amen. <a href="#">MON.mp4</a></i>
Tuesday	<i>Lowton's Voice: Moral Issues and Social Understanding OR Year Group Collective Worship</i>	<i>Father God let us take a moment to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. Help us to show compassion to others and bring hope and light to those who are suffering. Amen. <a href="#">TUES.mp4</a></i>

Wednesday	<i>Nurture, Wellbeing &amp; Spiritual Growth</i>	<i>Father God we take a moment to pause and reflect and think of anything now that may be troubling us. We thank you for your support and guidance and we lift to you those in our school community who are struggling.</i> <i>Amen <a href="#">WED.mp4</a></i>
Thursday	<i>Lowton's Voice: Moral Issues and Social Understanding</i> <i>OR</i> <i>Year Group Collective Worship</i>	<i>Father God help us to show kindness and compassion to every person we interact with. Help us to respect everyone and demonstrate our school values in all we do.</i> <i>Amen <a href="#">THURS.mp4</a></i>
Friday	<i>Form Collective Worship Formal Worship delivered by the Chaplain.</i>	<i>Delivered by the school Chaplain in their recordings:</i> <i>Lord - as we take this moment to reflect, we thank you for this week. We thank you for the time we get to spend together in form time. Thank you that during this time we have chance to learn more about you and the kind of person you want us to be. Please help and guide us as we look at our Friday theme together now.</i> <i>Amen</i>

### **Leading Worship**

The School Chaplain co-ordinates whole school collective worship with the support of the Head of Religious Studies and Christian Distinctiveness. The Chaplain is responsible for planning the worship themes which are centred around our 6 core Christian values that include:

- Friendship
- Compassion
- Forgiveness
- Hope
- Reflection
- Creativity

Worship has a variety of leaders from the school community and our local Churches and wider community. Students are given opportunities to lead on worship throughout the year.

Daily Collective worship starts with quiet reflection and prayer which students are invited to participate in. Resources and links that help form tutors lead worship are provided weekly in the staff bulletin.

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### ***Monitoring and Evaluation***

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Collective worship in form time is monitored daily via learning-walks by Leadership staff and the Head of Christian Distinctiveness. Evaluation of Collective Worship is completed, students and staff are invited to give feedback at regular intervals throughout the year to help inform future changes and adaptations to the planning, delivery and execution of Collective Worship.

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### ***Parental Right to Withdraw***

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The law states that parents have the right to withdraw their child from whole school Collective Worship. This must be done in writing to the Head teacher.