



## Collective Worship Policy

**Original Policy Date:** September 2013

**Date Adopted:** October 2015

**Date of next review:** October 2020

**Name of Responsible Person:** Miss H Clare

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ *Rh Johnston* \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Governors

## **Foundations of the School**

### **Status:**

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

### **Ethos:**

Our school's ethos is based on Christian beliefs, values and practices. We also recognise and respect other faith groups and the beliefs of all members of our school community.

Our purpose is to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to live fulfilling lives and make a positive contribution to society.

Our students are valued as unique individuals, each with their own talents and skills. They are encouraged to have high aspirations, work hard, be creative and self-motivated and enjoy their learning.

### **Mission:**

Caring            we care about the well-being and spiritual development of all members of our community

Learning        we instil a love of learning in our students and equip them with the skills to be independent for life

Succeeding     we value all members of our community and help them to fulfil their potential and achieve success

### **The Place of Worship and for reflection in the life of the School:**

Lowton Church of England High School believes that time together in assemblies is an essential part of developing and reinforcing our school ethos.

### **Aims for Collective Worship (whole school):**

- To learn about Christian Values and reflect on their meaning
- To learn how to pause and reflect on these values
- To experience coming together as a community
- To develop the ability to reflect on moral and social issues
- To provide opportunities for students to participate in planning, preparing and presenting assemblies
- To build a sense of community within the school
- To enable students to think more deeply about issues relating to themselves and the wider world
- To share achievements, joys and difficulties of all members of the community
- To understand the importance of Human Rights and particularly Children's Rights

### **Aims for Collective Worship**

- To learn about the Christian message
- To celebrate events in the Christian calendar
- To share experiences and reflections on the Christian message
- To spend time in fellowship with each other

### **Expectations of Students:**

We expect that students will gain from worship and assembly time:

- A strong sense of identity as a student of a House and Lowton C of E High School
- An ability to think of others and reflect on their contribution to the school community and the wider world
- A knowledge and understanding of the Christian message
- A sense of purpose in attending school and belonging to the school community.

### **Organisation and Delivery:**

<b>Assembly</b>	<b>People involved</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Reviewed</b>
Whole School Collective Worship (Sports Hall)	Led by Senior Staff or chaplain All the school community attends	Twice per half term	
Worship Assembly	Chaplain Local clergy Senior leaders	Once per term	
Year Group Collective Worship	Led by HoY Attended by every member of the House  Forms led one assembly per year  Prayer or reflection concludes the assembly	Weekly	HC monitors the spiritual and moral provision of assemblies
The Beacon	Led by Chaplain Optional attendance for student in Year 7-10	Once per week	HC to review content and provision
"5 a day" Collective Worship in form time	A worship bulletin is issued on a weekly basis for Years 7-10 Monday: Thought for the week Tuesday: Big Question/ Year group Collective Worship Wednesday: Share and Reflect Thursday: Big Question/ Year group Collective Worship Friday: Formal worship as a form/year group or school	Weekly	Senior Leaders and school chaplain to review content.

**Records of Collective Worship:**

All records and documentation can be found in the Staff Shared Drive.

**Parental rights of withdrawal:**

The law states that parents have the right to withdraw their son/daughter from whole school Collective Worship. This must be done in writing to the Head teacher. Students who are withdrawn from whole school Collective Worship must register at the Library.

This policy will be presented to the Governing body and renewed on an annual basis.