Collective Worship Policy
Hevingham and Marsham Community Primary School Partnership

This school will comply with the requirements set out in the 1988 Education Reform Act regarding Collective Worship.

An Act of collective worship will take place every day. At our schools we call this "Thought for the week". The time at which this takes place and the form of the collective Worship (whole school, team, class groupings) may vary from day to day but will usually be at the end of assembly. In our schools we believe that collective worship is a chance to build our communities through spiritual reflection.

The majority of the Acts of Collective Worship will reflect the traditions of Christian belief without being denominationally biased. These reflections are sensitive to those who have beliefs derived from other faiths. They are derived from themes across faiths as well as those which are specific to Christianity.
These include:
- That there is one God, represented by supreme spirituality in other faiths.
- That the nature of God may be found through love and selfless care for others.
- That all relationships between humans should be guided by love and respect.
- That the spirit of love be used by those with power to value and care for the world and all that is in it.

Every child will take part in the Act of Collective Worship unless withdrawn by his/her parents/guardians. Staff also have the right to withdraw from Collective Worship. The whole school participates in our "Thought for the Week" and individuals are given the opportunity to respond to or reflect on the theme.

The head teacher will keep a record of all Acts of Collective Worship themes.

Whilst fully complying with the law, the school will be sensitive to and respectful of the fact that not all children or staff come from families of faith.

The date of the next formal review will be October 2018 and every 3 years thereafter.

Policy approved by the Governing Body of Hevingham and Marsham Primary Partnership.

Signed…………………………………………………………… Chair, staff

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