



## Coppice Primary School Collective Worship Policy

### **RATIONALE**

Coppice Primary School will comply with the relevant legislation relating to collective worship in schools. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

### **THE AIMS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT COPPICE**

Collective worship should provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God if they wish
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs and those of others
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- participate, where possible, and respond
- reflect
- develop a wider understanding of the world around them
- foster self esteem through celebrating a range of achievements
- value everyone's cultural origins

### **THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

- All pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents) must take part in an act of collective worship every day.
- There may be a single act of collective worship through a whole school assembly or separate acts for pupils in different age groups and school groups. These can be held at any point during the school day.
- The head teacher is, after consultation with the governing body, responsible for arranging daily collective worship.
- Taken over the school term, the majority of collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.
- Collective worship should be appropriate to the family backgrounds, ages and abilities of the pupils.
- Acts of collective worship should take place on the school premises.
- Parents have a right to withdraw their children from any or all acts of collective worship.

### **ORGANISATION**

On a Monday through to Thursday assemblies take place between 10.00 - 10.15. On a Friday a longer assembly takes place beginning at 9.00 a.m. Teachers are required to

deliver collective worship to their class on either a Wednesday or Thursday. This can be done at a time of their choice. Each class from Reception to Year 5 will also deliver a class assembly at some point during the school year as part of the Friday assembly. The school also follows the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning scheme. Special assemblies to mark the start and finish of each topic are timetabled into the collective worship rota. The rota is planned by the Assistant Head each term and includes a theme for each week, key religious and other significant dates. Two full time members of staff are timetabled to plan class collective worship each week (one for KS1 and one for KS2) as well as leading the thought for the day for their key stage. The planning along with resources are distributed to staff in advance and a copy kept in the staffroom. A variety of resources are available to aid planning, including story books, assembly file materials, prayer books and artefacts, and are stored alongside the R.E resources. Outside visitors are also included in the assembly rota where possible. During the Autumn term a special harvest assembly takes place.

	<b>Type of collective worship</b>
Monday	Whole school assembly led by the head teacher or Deputy head
Tuesday	Celebration assembly led by senior leaders (including celebration of achievements inside and outside of school).
Wednesday	Key stage 1 singing and thought for the day Key stage 2 collective worship in class
Thursday	Key stage 1 collective worship in class Key stage 2 singing and thought for the day
Friday	Whole school assembly.

### **RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL**

Any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending collective worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act. This is made clear to all parents in the school prospectus.

### **MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

Policy date: September 2013

Policy due for renewal: September 2014

***Date agreed by the Governing Body:***

***Signed: (Chair of the Governing Body)***