



# LANGSTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

### Aims

At Langstone Infant and Junior Academies we believe that collective worship is an important part of the daily life of the school. The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for children to:

- Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs;
- Develop community spirit, a common ethos and shared understanding of all beliefs;
- Consider moral and spiritual issues;
- Respond to the worship offered.

This is in line with the National Framework for Teaching Religious Education 2004, Section 352 of the Education Act 1996 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

### Inclusion

Langstone Infant and Junior Academies provides daily collective worship for all registered pupils at the school and this is provided in a daily assembly or within classes or year groups. Collective worship, whether in assembly or class time, will:

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils;
- Include a variety of elements at different times aided by visitors from Christian and non-Christian organisations;
- Involve the children

### Right to Withdraw a Child from Collective Worship

A parent has the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. This withdrawal may include all assemblies inclusive of class assemblies and reward assemblies if so instructed by a parent. The reason for withdrawal has to be based upon religious grounds inclusive of atheist or humanist beliefs.

Langstone Infants and Junior Academies will comply with a written request for withdrawal of a child from collective worship. The school will provide supervision for the child who is withdrawn from collective worship. Teaching assistants will be involved if a teacher is unavailable to complete this supervision. During the duration of collective worship, the child must be provided with alternative activities that reflect the religious practices that the parent wishes their child to follow. These activities must be made available to the child by their parent. Marking and follow-up of said activities will be conducted by the parent at all times.

Alternatively, the parent may wish to supervise their child themselves within school in order that they can instruct them in the religious practices they wish their child to follow.

Children may also be withdrawn from school for the duration of collective worship assemblies. If a parent wishes to withdraw their child from school this will need to be agreed by Portsmouth Local Education Authority in consultation with the Headteacher and the Governors. This is in line with the requirements of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (section 71).

**Place of Worship**

On special occasions, the act of collective worship may take place elsewhere other than the school. Ordinarily, however, it will take place at Langstone and Infant and Junior Academies premises.

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HEADTEACHER

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

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