

## Collective Worship Policy February 2020

### **Vision and Values**

*'A cord of three strands is not easily broken'* Ecclesiastes 4:12

The Trinity Partnership embodies the strength and unity of three schools working as one. The Trinity Partnership aims to engage across schools, churches and communities, working in partnership with DEMAT, governors, parents and school leaders to ensure that life is lived in all its fullness as unique children of God.

### **Aims**

As three Church of England primary schools within the Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust (DEMAT), The Trinity Partnership aims to provide daily collective worship in each school which is inclusive, invitational and inspiring, offering the opportunity to children and adults, of all faiths and none, to grow spiritually through experience of prayer, worship and reflection.

Our Collective Worship is built around bible references based on the Church of England Lectionary, using The Diocese of Ely Directorate's 'Acts of Worship' materials to support planning. These materials may be supported by our PSHE curriculum, including Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) materials, aspects of British values including celebrating world faiths, and celebrating children's achievements.

Daily Collective Worship usually takes place with the whole school community, however, there are occasions when class assemblies are held. Collective Worship is delivered across our schools using The Trinity Partnership's 'Worship Essentials' (on page 2 of this policy) which was developed in consultation and agreement with staff.

Services, involving the wider school community, in school or at local churches are held to celebrate events in the Christian calendar including Christmas, Easter and Harvest

### **Right of Withdrawal**

All children are invited to attend Collective Worship. However, we respect the right of any parent/guardian to request permission for their child to be excused from all or part of Collective Worship (ref. 1988 Education Reform Act).

### **Monitoring**

Collective Worship is regularly attended (and monitored) by the Executive Headteacher and Assistant Headteachers.

Parents are regularly invited to attend Collective Worship (e.g. celebrating children's achievements) and services held in school or church.

### Worship Essentials 2019-20

Collective Worship is planned and led on a daily basis by a teacher or leader. At The Trinity Partnership, all staff are invited to participate in Collective Worship, and at least one member of staff should attend from each class to support pupils, participate in the worship and demonstrate its importance and value.

#### At the Start of Collective Worship

- Set up an altar table with a cloth and candle
- Plan appropriate music for children to listen to when entering the hall
- Demonstrate high expectations for behaviour when entering the hall
- Provide opportunities for children to supporting preparation, e.g. music

#### During Collective Worship

- Start with a whole school blessing and light the candle.
- Ask the children to join in with opening and closing blessings
- Include a biblical reference with the teaching
- Give children opportunities to provide verbal contributions and feedback to each other and to the leader.
- Use a reflection time and/or prayer (including the regular use of a School Prayer which the children can join in with).
- Put the candle out and end with a whole school blessing.

#### After Collective Worship

- Look for opportunities to discuss the themes in class.
- Look for opportunities for pupil evaluation, e.g. termly surveys.
- Complete Collective Worship Record.