



## Hunton & Arrathorne CP School

### Collective Worship Policy

Although not a Church of England School we carry out a daily Act of Collective Worship. We endeavour to make our Acts of Worship relevant to the background, age and experience of our pupils. The school meets each day for Collective Worship and the Rector and the Methodist minister termly lead an Act of worship.

We aim to make our time of worship a special time in the school day and it is referred to, by staff, as an assembly. The children meet in the classroom of the teacher leading assembly where they sit on the floor or chairs as appropriate. A piece of music is played as the children arrive in the classroom and a candle is lit to show that it is the start of our special time together.

Assemblies offer children the opportunity to reflect upon a variety of themes which are planned and recorded and, whenever possible, coincide with topics from curriculum areas, SEAL topics, news reports and events in the Christian calendar. In order to make our worship more meaningful we use visual aids and a variety of methods of presentation. We also use assembly time as a time to celebrate achievements of the children. When appropriate, visitors are invited to enrich our Acts of Worship. We hope to encourage the Spiritual Development of our pupils by developing skills of communication, sharing and mutual respect within the context of a firm moral framework.

Members of the teaching staff and local clergy share the acts of Collective worship and work together to create a whole school ethos which encourages pupil participation and promotes Christian values. We have established good links with the local church and community and we attend the parish church of St. Patrick's for Christmas and the Methodist Chapel for Harvest.

We acknowledge the legal right of parents to withdraw their children from Acts of Worship and of individual teachers to exercise their right of non participation on religious grounds.