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## ***Hackforth & Hornby CE Primary School Collective Worship Policy***

*This policy is carried out within the context and spirit of the school's aims. It supports and reinforces these aims, valuing all children equally.*

*At Hackforth and Hornby Church of England Primary School, we seek to:*

- Provide a secure, happy, caring and supportive environment in which pupils can develop their talents, fulfilling their full potential.*
- Encourage our pupils to be independent, self motivated learners, who respect others and are prepared to take responsibility for themselves and their work.*
- Develop an enthusiasm and sense of wonder in our children's understanding of their world.*
- Develop a constructive partnership between home and school, which acknowledges the complementary role of parents, guardians and teachers in the development of our pupils.*

School seeks to reflect and develop these aims through a daily act of worship, recognising the value of space within school life to explore our spiritual responses to contemporary issues, as well as fostering personal development.

School's collective worship derives from the Christian Anglican tradition and seeks to activate our beliefs and values. We aim to reflect the school's Anglican foundation. Reinforcing Jesus' message *Treat others as you wish to be treated yourself*, underpins our acts of worship, behaviour and our way of life in school.

Whilst rooted in a Christian context, our acts of collective worship seek to foster respect for others through an awareness of festivals in world religions and cultures.

Pupils are encouraged to respond to world events and develop the practice of supporting others less fortunate than themselves. This involves our annual shoebox appeal, local and national family charities and responding to global natural disasters through appropriate, international charities, focused on the plight of children in affected areas.

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School marks Christmas and the end of the school year through services at St Mary's Church, Hornby. Parents and friends of the school are invited to share these services with pupils who contribute significantly to the format of the service. Pupils lead Harvest and Easter services with families and friends in the Village Hall. Representatives from St Mary's Church are invited to lead prayers and participate in these services.

Our links with St Mary's Church are strengthened through regular acts of collective worship led by Mrs Joyce Blundell, Lay Reader at St Mary's Church, Hornby. Pupils are invited to attend Family Services at St Mary's on the third Sunday each month.

St Mary's Church marks the transition of Y6 pupils through the gift of a Bible at the Leavers' Service and welcomes Reception pupils each year through the gift of a wooden cross for each new pupil.

Governors recognise that parents have a legal right to withdraw their child from collective worship. Parents who wish to do this are asked to make an appointment with the Headteacher. Such pupils will be fully supervised in another part of the school. This information is included in the school's prospectus.

*School understands that Collective Worship and Assemblies are not one and the same thing. They are, in essence, different from each other, but in practice they often overlap.*

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