Raddlebarn Collective Worship Policy

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The collective worship policy at Raddlebarn Primary and Nursery School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the local authority through its SACRE. Collective worship is a valued and valuable part of school life and is taken seriously, because it shapes our approach to others and to what we do in school.

Aims of collective worship:

Collective worship at Raddlebarn Primary and Nursery School aims to provide the opportunity for pupils and staff to:

-Experience a variety of styles of worship
-Celebrate together e.g. festivals, school values, individual achievements
-Build a sense of community/foster corporate identity
-Develop a reflective approach to living which sometimes encourages understanding of and invitation to prayer
-Look beyond the physical, material and measurable
-Reflect on human values
-Consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs
-Participate and respond, through active involvement in the planning, leading, presentation and evaluation of worship
-Feel safe and affirmed in doing any of the above

Statutory requirements

By law, Collective Worship must:

-take place for every child every day
-be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character
-take account of the ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds of the pupils
-take place on the school premises, except on occasions, with agreement of governors

Raddlebarn Primary and Nursery School is not affiliated to a particular religious denomination, therefore, the daily act of collective worship is non-denominational and although they are of a broadly Christian nature, due consideration is given to the multicultural society in which we live. Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship should they so wish. If parents and carers do not wish their child to take part in short acts of collective worship, they should inform us in writing. Their child can be excused and suitable alternative arrangements made. Teachers can also be withdrawn from this.