

# COLLECTIVE WORSHIP VISION

The collective worship vision at North Primary 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. It is also crucial in building a community and society with shared morals and values.

## Aims of collective worship

- Collective worship at North 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
- worship God or 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

## What does collective worship look like at North?

During our weekly assemblies, both Star of the week and topical assembly, we take time to reflect together as a whole school community. We light a candle and take time to reflect on a theme, question or current event. This could be religious or topical. In class we also have a daily download time in which teachers set aside time on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to reflect on the big questions and ideas introduced in the Monday assembly.

- Our collective worship always involves time for reflection and allows opportunity for considering big life questions and individual concerns, and can help pupils to appreciate introspection. Gathering for reflection benefits pupils and staff in many ways, including:
- fostering pupils' awareness of universal moral principles including right and wrong, justice and fairness and a proper concern for others and the world
- affirming and celebrating the values and ethos of the school
- developing a sense of belonging to and an awareness of different aspects of the school community
- experiencing the sense of gathering for a special purpose
- sharing experiences that encourage thought
- promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, including opportunities to silently reflect on practical issues in becoming an adult citizen of the world
- reflecting and generating a personal response to situations and issues in the context of personal beliefs and background.

At North we value collective worship as an ingredient within our curriculum that focuses on nurturing the individual and nourishing their growing personalities. We take pride in using this time effectively to develop the whole person and are confident that this contributes to a better future for our children and community.