



The Axe Valley Community College

# Collective Worship Policy

**Adopted by the Governing Board on 22nd February 2017  
The document will be reviewed every two years**

## **Rationale**

The College is required to provide a Daily Act of Collective Worship

## **Delivery**

The Headteacher is responsible for arranging acts of worship.

Collective Acts of Worship will take place in one of three ways depending on circumstances:

- a Year assemblies
- b Annual events such as Carol Service and 11 November two minutes' silence
- c "Thought for the Day" – tutor-led reflection via registration

Collective Acts of Worship are to be "wholly or mainly Christian" and "not to be distinctive of any denomination". Governors however recognise that students may come from families of non-Christian or no faith. Collective Acts of Worship should be sensitive to this, reflecting diversity within the community within the context of the fundamental British values:

- democracy.
- the rule of law.
- individual liberty.
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Worship has two distinct meanings:

- a "Adoration offered by beliefs to the supreme being"
- b "Concerns, concepts, principles, conduct worthy of celebration as examples of the highest achievement of the Human spirit" (DCC)

The act of worship should provide opportunity to:

- a Reflect, challenge commonly accepted personal and social values
- b Provide experience for reflection on sense of beauty, feeling of pride, sense of pity, sense of smallness and greatness, sense of shared sadness, loss, peace, thankfulness and moral values and responsibility.

Parents have the right to withdraw students from acts of worship

Teachers and the Headteacher have the same right of withdrawal

Acts of collective worship should be seen as part of the whole school curriculum, e.g. Year Assembly, RE, Tutorial and PSHE.

**Monitoring/Evaluation:** Annually

**Guardianship:** The Headteacher and Governors - Reviewed every two years