



## EARL STERNDALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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#### PURPOSE OF WORSHIP

- To reflect on the significant features of human life.
- To explore our responses to the world in which we live, developing a sense of awe and wonder.
- To learn about the Christian beliefs and traditions upon which our society is based.
- To enable us to better understand and appreciate the religious beliefs of others.
- To enable us to develop our own response to the spiritual side of life.
- To promote the development of wisdom.

#### RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

The school is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School. This means that we have Foundation Governors from the Parochial Church Council, one of whom should normally be the Vicar.

We aim to have several special School Services in the parish church each year, and that the Vicar would normally conduct the school assembly on a regular basis.

#### WORSHIP IN SCHOOL

A daily act of Worship takes place in the school. This is of a Christian nature, and reflects the Anglican foundation of the school. It is led by the head teacher and other members of staff, or by others in whom we have confidence, e.g. the Vicar or Methodist Minister.

During the school week there is a pattern of different formats, including 'Our News', current affairs, Bible stories and singing. The major events of the Church Year are included at the relevant times, as are other significant religious festivals.

The children are encouraged to take an active part, eg with their own prayers, using the prayer box or by preparing and delivering an assembly themselves. They also wrote the school prayer which is displayed prominently in Class 2 and can be seen by all the children at Collective Worship / Assembly time.

At times we will make use of the village church for acts of Collective Worship, especially at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and for our Leavers' Service.

The school is building up a resource bank for use in Worship and RE. Worship, RE and PSHE are very closely linked, and the content of Collective Worship is often used as the initial stimulus for an RE or PSHE topic. We will also use the resource bank at Derby Church House and borrow whatever resources are necessary as the need arises.

#### **WITHDRAWAL FROM WORSHIP**

It is hoped that the Worship at Earl Sterndale School is of a kind that includes everyone. However, the law allows parents to withdraw their children from Worship (and Religious Education lessons). Teachers are also allowed to withdraw from Worship, but are encouraged to play an active role in all acts of collective worship.