

## **The Tapscott Learning Trust Collective Worship Policy**

Collective Worship provides an invaluable tool for promoting and reaffirming the school's ethos of caring for one another, and promoting equal opportunities, while at the same time developing the school as a community. The Tapscott Learning Trust follow's Newham's SACRE guidelines and while it is seen as being distinct from Religious Education, they both make important contributions to the following aims:

### **Aims:**

To provide a time where children come together to celebrate, reflect and learn from experiences of different religions, worldviews, world events, music and celebrations. The five main aims are:

- Spiritual development
- Moral development
- Social development
- Cultural development
- Intellectual development

### **British Values:**

As a Trust we aim to demonstrate and promote British Values during our collective worship times - these being:

- Democracy
- Individual Liberty
- Rule of Law
- Mutual respect and tolerance

At The Tapscott Learning Trust, we provide a session each day for Collective Worship. It is delivered in a variety of ways such as story, music, drama, formal presentations, use of interactive resources as well as student and guest speaker presentations (please see TTLT Visiting Speakers Policy). This will include a short reflective time or moment such as:

- Silent sitting
- Visualisation
- Using a visual stimulus
- Focusing on a specific message.

### **Theme/Word the week**

Collective worship follows a systematic approach which is mapped out and is devised taking into account any significant religious celebrations, world events, school or community events and the children's achievements.

### **Inclusion:**

Collective Worship aims to meet the needs of all children through planned differentiation, questioning, presentation techniques and resources. This will include adapted presentations to account for children's different learning styles.

### **Withdrawal:**

Schools cannot compel people to worship, but the purpose of collective worship in schools is an educational one as described above. Parents who wish to withdraw their children are permitted to do so, once they have made a formal request to the school in writing, and this has been agreed by the Head Teacher. A record of withdrawals will be kept by the school.

### **Review:**

This policy will be reviewed in line with our policy cycle.