

## Collective Worship

**Our Federation Vision:** Shine as Lights in the World. Philippians 2:15 God values everyone within our community. The values of respect, kindness and encouragement are at the heart of all we do; seeking to help others to know the radiance of goodness and light; and aiming to unlock everyone's potential so that they can shine as lights in our wonderful world.

### Intent:

Christian values underpin the Saints Federation; our *Collective Worship* seeks to be the central heartbeat of each school and a point of unity across the Federation. Broadly Christian in nature, our *Collective Worship* aims to provide staff and pupils with diverse religious, agnostic and non-religious backgrounds the opportunity to explore their own spirituality and grow spiritually, morally, socially and culturally both personally and within our community and beyond. It enables pupils and staff to gather in order to respond to the presence, power and peace of God through prayer, reflection, singing, sharing and communicating feelings.

### Implementation:

- Pupils and staff participate in a daily act of worship, either as a school, as a Federation or in their own class unit. Worship is led by a variety of staff, from material provided by the RE subject leader and the Executive Head.
- Broadly Christian, the worship follows a weekly pattern that includes prayer, praise, storytelling, philosophy, creative response and celebration.
- Material for worship draws on a wide variety of multi-faith scripture and teaching alongside learning from and about religious and philosophical leaders. It is presented through a variety of genres including music, art, liturgy, stillness & reflection, prayer, storytelling, media and discussion.
- All pupils sing the Federation song (*The Servant Song*) regularly and spend time understanding how to relate to its message and values.
- Worship at the end of terms and for special occasions is usually undertaken in the local church.
- Pupils take an active role in leading and creating worship, including a half termly class assembly written and presented by each class.
- A creative focal worship point in each school reflects the liturgical season and colour and each class has their own worship area for pupil response.
- Pupils' engagement is enhanced through visitors from the local and wider community including *Open the Book*, *Federation Celebration Days*, *Pop-up Prayer Spaces* and a sustained commitment to ECO awareness.

### Spiritual development:

At The Saints Federation Collective worship is inclusive, invitational and inspiring. We offer the opportunity, without compulsion, to all pupils and adults to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection.



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## Impact:

Pupils and staff experience a short time within a busy daily schedule when they can stop, breathe and reflect. *Collective Worship* helps build trust, communication and understanding within the unique school communities. Pupils leave the school with a deep understanding of the richness that spiritual encounters can bring. *Collective Worship* helps develop a sense of value and belonging in the individual that becomes a strong root for their life beyond the Federation.