Collective Policy

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RATIONALE:

Selly Oak Trust School will comply with the relevant legislation relating to collective worship in schools. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

CONTEXT:

All maintained schools have a statutory duty to provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). This is usually provided within a daily assembly or class reflection time.

Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the Head Teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Head Teacher is responsible for arranging the daily collective worship and reflection after consulting with the governing body.

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES:

- An Act of Collective Worship and/or reflection will usually take place every day between 9.00-9.30am. The time at which this takes place, and the form of the Collective Worship (whole school, team or class based reflection) may vary from day to day.
- The Act of Collective Worship and reflection will be non-denominational.
- Every child will take part in the Act of Collective Worship and reflection unless withdrawn by his/her parents/guardians.
- Whilst fully complying with the law the school will be sensitive to the fact that not all children will come from religious families.

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW:

The Head Teacher will keep a record of all Acts of Collective Worship themes.
The school will review this policy regularly and assess its implementation and effectiveness.