

# PINNER WOOD SCHOOL



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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### **CONTEXT**

The area administered by Harrow Council is one that is particularly rich in its breadth of religious traditions. Responses collected during the 2001 government census indicate that 91% of residents have a religion, compared with 85.2% nationally and 84% in London as a whole. The proportion of residents in the borough who are Hindu, Jewish and who follow “other” religions, such as Baha’i, Jain and Zoroastrian faiths, is the highest in England and Wales. There are also substantial Christian, Muslim and Sikh communities.

### **PLANNING COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Planning for collective worship at Pinner Wood School takes place as follows:

- Broad, overall termly themes are drawn up, from our Values, religious events, British Values and other important days.
- Themes enable pupils to reflect upon themselves and their place in the school, local and wider communities, including the world.
- Within these themes there are opportunities to include religious festivals and areas of study from the curriculum.
- The termly plans are drawn up by the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher
- The Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team generally lead the assemblies unless there is a class led assembly.
- A variety of resources are used including published material as well as outside speakers.
- Pupils are regularly involved through sharing assemblies and talking partners are used regularly.
- In all assemblies there is a time of reflection. In addition, a song may be sung linked to the theme of the assembly; music is also played as the pupils enter and leave to encourage an atmosphere of calm.
- School notices are always clearly separated from the collective worship elements of the assembly.

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR DAILY ACTS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

These are the arrangements for the implementation of collective worship at Pinner Wood School:

### **Timetable**

Monday	10.25am 10.25am	KS1 + Year 3 Assembly KS2 Assembly (Years 4, 5 & 6)
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10.00am	Oracy assemblies – Class based
Thursday		
Friday	10.00am	Celebration assemblies

*(Parents are invited to Class led Assemblies)*

- Assemblies take place in the School Halls
- Music is played as pupils enter and leave and moments of stillness are used to create a special atmosphere.
- Songs are also sung which are linked to the theme of the Assembly. Carols are sung at Christmas.
- We hold a yearly Christmas Celebration Assembly at St Edmund's Church

## **STATUTORY WITHDRAWAL FROM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Pinner Wood School reflects the rights of parents/carers to withdraw their children from some or all occasions of collective worship and safeguards this right for staff where appropriate.

- Arrangements are made to ensure that pupils are appropriately supervised when withdrawal is requested.

## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP/ASSEMBLY RECORDS**

- Termly plans are drawn up which provide a written record of the assemblies