

**Statutory Policy**

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Policy for the Act of Collective Worship

Principles

At Deer Park school we:

- Provide time to allow students to pause for reflection and stillness.
- Provide opportunities for students in different groups and on different occasions to contribute towards their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Facilitate the development of a sense of community and caring for one another.
- Include the marking and celebrating of special occasions and achievements.

Practice

- Year Assemblies happen weekly at Deer Park school. Limited space prevents the whole school meeting for assembly. The Director of Progress and Achievement (DoPA) leads the assembly on a specified morning in the week. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) are involved on a regular rota basis and by invitation.
- A calendar of themes is prepared for the year. This includes 'special' festival days. The calendar is displayed in the Google online calendar. The calendar recognises key world days and significant events that happen annually.
- Students are encouraged to participate in the Year Assemblies. Groups will take the whole assembly or contribute to the theme.
- Visitors are invited into a Year Assembly to emphasise a theme. Representatives of charitable organisations and Gideons provide a broader understanding of the theme of an assembly.
- All subject areas contribute to further develop students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural well-being.
- At an appropriate time in each assembly, students are provided with an opportunity for 'directed reflection'.

Linked Policies: Citizenship Policy
 Equality Policy
 Inclusion Policy