

<b>Elizabeth Woodville School</b>	
Policy Name:	Religious Education and Collective Act of Worship Policy
Owner:	Head of Humanities (North and South site)
Statutory:	Yes
Date Ratified:	By Governing Body December 2023
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## 1. COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

*The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for students to:*

- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual, moral, cultural and philosophical issues
- respond to the worship offered.

*Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time, will:*

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and students
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve the students.

The school should provide collective worship for their students, unless they have been withdrawn by their parents.

The Governors and Principal acknowledge the legal requirement for this to happen on a daily basis but accept that practical limitations of space and a reluctance of many staff to lead collective worship may make this difficult to achieve.

## 2. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- a) The school will provide religious education for all students. This will be in accordance with the aims of the non-statutory Religious Education Council's Curriculum Framework for Religious Education (NCFRE 2013). This Framework states that "The law requires that ... RE syllabuses used in academies that are not designated with a religious character 'must reflect the fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian, while taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain'. Teachers will not be required to teach RE and can withdraw from it through application to the Headteacher if desired.
- b) At Key Stage 4 and 5 students have the option to study GCSE or A level Religious Studies. The Governors and Head consider this provision to be important as it shows the school's commitment to students having a philosophical, religious and spiritual education when there are practical difficulties in organising a daily act of collective worship.
- c) At Key Stage 4 all students continue to receive Religious Education through Tutor Bites in registration, and scheduled curriculum days where students in year 10 or 11 follow a different timetable to learn RE. At Key Stage 5, students follow a programme of enrichment wherein they study world religions and philosophical/ethical issues.
- d) All students will attend religious education lessons at Key Stage 3, unless they have been withdrawn by their parents.