

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT BEECHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Every school is required by law to provide RE and daily collective worship for all of its pupils, with the exception of those pupils who are withdrawn from these activities by their parents, to promote the children's spiritual, moral and cultural development.

Collective worship should offer pupils opportunities to explore and share beliefs; consider the importance of prayer, meditation and silence; consider the relevance of ideas and beliefs to their own lives; think about the needs of others and develop a sense of community; and appreciate the importance of religious beliefs to those who hold them. Collective worship also offers an opportunity to re-affirm, interpret and put into practice the values of the school. It provides a time to celebrate the various achievements of members of the community that are held to be of worth. If collective worship is genuinely to stimulate reflection and growth, it needs to involve all members of the community. This involvement requires planning, and it is important that schools can demonstrate precisely how collective worship has been planned to promote spiritual and moral development within the framework of the law.