



THE PRIORY  
LEARNING TRUST

# Collective Act Worship Policy

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## History of Policy Changes

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September 2017	1	September 2017	Creation of policy.	
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This policy applies to The Priory Learning Trust and all its schools.

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## 1. Aims

At The Priory Learning Trust (TPLT) the collective act of worship is designed to allow all students and staff to:

- foster and develop a sense of awe and wonder in our world
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature
- reflect on their own personal beliefs and values
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to worship personally

## 2. Statutory Duty

Our schools within TPLT provide at least weekly collective worship for registered students (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents).

The Principals of each school are responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the act of collective worship. Collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the particular school, family background, ages and abilities of the students.

A student may be withdrawn from an act of collective worship at the request of parents.

## 3. Implementation

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

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

It may be implemented in a variety of ways which may include the following:

- Outside visitors to deliver a Christian Act of worship
- Timetabled assemblies that consider the beliefs and values of other faiths
- Daily access to an act of worship using the school Virtual Learning Environment:

Tutors should encourage students to access the weekly act of worship, and can also use these resources to carry out an act of collective worship with their own tutor groups

## 4. Monitoring and Evaluation

- The appropriate committees to revisit and evaluate effectiveness of policy on an annual basis (Statutory Policy).

## 5. Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Trustees and where materially amended is consulted on, where necessary. We will monitor the application and outcomes of this policy to ensure it is working effectively.

