# SHOCKLACH OVIATT C.E. CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL

## POLICY FOR COLLECTIVE ACT OF WORSHIP

04/KYH/09

At Shocklach we have a daily act of corporate worship which is a time for reflection, prayer, wonder, celebration and instruction. The school recognises its particular relationship with the Parish of St. Edith, Shocklach and the Church of England liturgy. Therefore the content will relate primarily to the Christian faith.

We follow these principles listed below:

- a) assemblies should be inclusive (sometimes difficult when covering the whole age range). Occasional separate KS1/KS2 assemblies
- b) assemblies should be educational with occasional curricular links
- c) assemblies should contribute to the religious education of all pupils
- d) whenever possible, assemblies should have a sense of occasion

#### **BROAD AIMS**

- a) to foster a sense of fellowship bringing pupils, staff together
- b) to create an atmosphere where those who wish to worship may do so with participation encouraged
- c) to encourage in pupils a reflective approach to life
- d) to increase sensitivity towards, and awareness of the search for meaning in the face of life's mysteries including the contribution that religious belief can make
- e) to introduce pupils to various aspects (prayer, hymn, drama, art) of religious worship in an open and honest atmosphere and to familiarise children with Church of England practice.

#### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

For worship to contribute to the spiritual development of Shocklach pupils we aim:

- to celebrate that which is inspirational
- to provide opportunities for pupils to share what is meaningful and significant to them, including the 'darker' side of life, in a safe and trusting atmosphere
- to ensure, as far as possible, that the experiences provided are relevant to the age, aptitude and family background of the pupils
- to give time for silent reflection
- to illustrate forms of worship that others have found helpful in their spiritual development e.g. silent contemplation, dance, singing

- to provide an environment which is conducive to worship and adequately resourced (literature, visual arts, music, artefacts and guest speakers)
- to invite (never coerce) a response from all our children which is appropriate to the occasion.

### PLANNING, RECORDING AND EVALUATING:

Sheets for this purpose are in the Assembly folder which is kept in the Head Teacher's office.

Please see planning file for long term planning for each day.

Resources are kept in the Head Teacher's office.