



LONG DITTON
INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL
THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AND SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

<p>Last reviewed: Spring 2019 To be reviewed: Spring 2020</p>

1. To provide an opportunity to bring children of statutory school age, and members of staff, together each day.
2. To support the Values of the school, citizenship, PSHE and RE teaching within the school.
3. To fulfill the school's legal responsibility in accordance with the 1994 Education Act.

The two aspects of worship and assembly are frequently inter-related and take into account the diversity of cultures and religions within our school. Our daily collective worship reflects our Values based ethos and is of a mainly Christian character.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our assemblies include an act of worship that reflects our Values. Our whole school understanding of this is that the act of worship is "***the occasion for exploring and affirming those matters of human worth which are at the heart of education and shared humanity.***" This is done by offering the opportunity for personal reflection and spiritual development. Each assembly will 'promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and of society' and aim to provide a focus for the whole life and activity of the school which includes celebrating children's work, school successes etc. We encourage visitors to our assemblies as their contributions increase awareness of our near community and our worldwide community.

ORGANISATION

There is a termly assembly rota detailing which member of staff will be leading assembly and the themes.

The weekly themes are based on the value of the month and the Jigsaw theme for the half term. Specific religious festivals, events and particular whole school issues are included as appropriate.

It is the principal aim that all children take part in our school assembly programme. However, any parent of any pupil may request that their child be wholly or partially excused from the collective worship.

VALUES

We are a Living values school. Each month we link and teach these Values within each area of the curriculum. Through our **SMSC provision (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural)** we aim to enable pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem & self-confidence. Pupils will learn right from wrong and to respect cultural & other differences.