



[COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY]

[AVANTI SCHOOLS TRUST]

This policy is in force until further notice from:

Mar-21

This policy must be reviewed by:

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- f. Take up opportunities to explore their own faith and spiritual journey and develop into individuals who are well-prepared to make up their own minds on issues of faith and belonging;
- g. Enthusiastically participate in Collective Worship;
- h. Be able to confidently consider complex spiritual and moral issues in a dialogic manner to promote honest and empathetic dialogue;
- i. Develop a broad-minded perspective to spirituality by acknowledging the key roles of free choice, fidelity to tradition and exemplary role models;
- j. Evidence a deep awareness of an essential spiritual identity that unites all living beings, transcending all designations related to age, race, gender, species, faith affiliation and ability.

#### 4. Assessment

The assessment of Collective Worship within schools should support the Avanti ethos by promoting independent thought and personal spiritual growth.

- g. u # † either on or before their first day at school.

## 6. Time Allocation and Format of Collective Worship

Collective worship should be at least 20 minutes per morning. This does not include any time

Worship. Collective Worship time can be in whole school, Key Stage or individual class groupings. There are three meditations per day (before lessons starts, before lunch and at the end of the day). These meditations will be different for the faith schools and the community schools.

## 7. Withdrawal

Collective Worship at Avanti schools forms a core part of the educational, character and spiritual experience. Collective Worship is inclusive and we encourage all students and staff to attend. Students and staff do have a right to withdraw from Collective Worship and we suggest that any such withdrawal take place after understanding the nature of Collective Worship and working with the school to see if/how the Collective Worship provision might be adapted to enable their participation, or at least their non-participatory observation. If the right to withdraw is exercised by a student, the school must make alternative provision for them that is linked with the Avanti Way and core principles.

## Appendix 1 Aspects of Collective Worship that are applicable only for Hindu faith schools

### Daily Prayers

The daily prayers which will be sung daily during Collective Worship drawn from the Chaitanya Vaishnava tradition are:

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Any other religious days e.g. Vasant Pancami.

Mentioned immediately before or after Collective Worship and/or assembly.

A comprehensive curriculum for each festival, differentiated by Key Stage or year group, will be developed for implementation. Differentiation will be possible through different festive activities and learning/meaning of festival specific songs and prayers.

It is important that schools consider creative, fun and engaging ways to celebrate the festivals, for example:

Kirtan

Drama

Dramatised textual readings

Dance

Abhisheka

Special altar decorations

Cooking

Specific bhajans/songs

Yajnas

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