

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

THE ETHOS OF IQRA ACADEMY

IQRA means 'Read '

Improvement
Quality
Respect
Achievement

Philosophy

Iqra Academy is a Community academy. Worship is therefore an important part of the academy day as it gives us the opportunity to come together as a community. It is attended by all pupils and staff and any visitors in the academy are very welcome to join in.

At Iqra Academy the RE Co-ordinator and Lay Chaplain are responsible, after consultation with the Principal, for ensuring that a daily act of collective worship occurs.

We recognise that Collective Worship is an important occasion to provide opportunities for our pupils Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development.

Key Responsibilities

The Governing Body must:

- Ratify the Collective Worship Policy
- Nominate a governor who will work with the RE Co-ordinator and report back to the appropriate Governing Body committee

Aims

It is our aim at Iqra Academy is that worship should:

- contribute to the spiritual, social, moral and cultural development of each child,
- support the social and emotional development of our pupils through making use of the SEAL programme,
- give expression to, and reaffirm and practise the values of the academy community,
- allow reflection and response,
- celebrate and give thanks for the achievements within the academy, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals,
- foster and enable a concern for the needs of others, a recognition of the vulnerability of self and of others,
- provide members of the academy community with the opportunity experience stillness and quiet.

Legal Status of Collective Worship

The 1988 Education Reform Act requires that 'all pupils in attendance at a maintained academy shall on each day take part in an act of Collective Worship'. We seek to do our best to keep the spirit of this legislation seeking to provide as many high quality acts of worship as is practically possible.

To provide pupils with variety in their experience of worship, acts of worship may take the form of a whole school act of worship for all pupils or separate acts of worship for pupils in different age groups or other groups.

Collective Worship may be held at any time during the academy day.

Acts of Collective Worship at Iqra Academy take into account the pupils ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds.

The Principal and Governors, on advice from the Lay Chaplain and the RE Co-ordinator, may apply for a determination from SACRE if there are a large number of pupils in the academy from a particular non-Christian faith background.

The academy recognises that there is a difference between Acts of Collective Worship and the assembly of pupils. On some occasions assembly may proceed or follow an Act of Collective Worship. When this happens the transition from assembly to worship will be marked in some suitable way e.g. moment of silences and reflection.

Rights of Withdrawal

At Iqra Academy we seek to be an inclusive community however we respect the right of parents to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. This academy expects that withdrawal will only be made following parental discussion with the Principal or RE Co-ordinator followed by written confirmation of withdrawal.

The academy has a system of suitable supervision for pupils withdrawn from Acts of Collective Worship. However, no additional work is set or followed during this time.

All teachers, including the Principal, have the right of withdrawal from the Act of Collective Worship, but the Principal, should he or she wish to exercise this right, maintains statutory accountability for Acts of Collective Worship in Iqra Academy.

Timetable of Collective Worship

- Monday – KS2 Faith Worship
- Tuesday - KS1 Faith Worship
- Wednesday – Whole Academy
- Thursday – Whole Academy
- Friday – Key Stage

Declaration of Responsibility

This Collective Worship Policy was reviewed and formally adopted by Iqra Academy on

..... Date

..... Signed Named Governor

..... Signed Principal