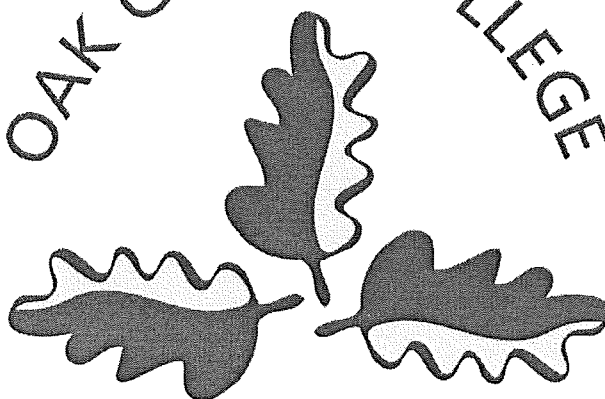


OAK GROVE COLLEGE



Everyone matters, every day counts

Collective Worship Policy

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Introduction

Oak Grove College is a caring community that values all its members and recognises the contribution each person makes to the common good.

The ethos, curriculum and structure of the school seek to foster moral and ethical values within all students, acknowledging the wide variety of individual needs, understanding and beliefs within our community.

Legal Framework

In accordance with the 1996 Education Act all maintained schools, *other than maintained special schools*, must provide daily collective worship for registered pupils, unless they have been withdrawn by parents. (Section 388)

Implementation

As a maintained special school Oak Grove College may apply flexibility to the requirement of daily collective worship, as set out in the legal framework above.

The structure of the school ensures that the pastoral care needs of all students are met within a family group system, fostering their sense of community and belonging within their own tutor group and also within the larger Family Group setting.

Each Family Group will run an assembly on a fortnightly basis. This is used as an opportunity to appreciate, learn and put into practice the values of the school and the wider community. It provides a time when the students can come together to celebrate both individual and group achievements, as well as reinforcing positive behaviour and mutual care. Students are encouraged to consider the impact that their own beliefs and values have on issues that affect their own lives and the lives of others.

To reinforce the students' understanding of being part of a larger community, whole school assemblies are held at the end of each half term to celebrate whole school events and achievements.

We ensure that we comply with any parents' expressed wish to withdraw their son/daughter from any form of collective worship or assembly which has a religious content which conflicts with their own beliefs.