



## **ANNEX 8**

### **EXCELSIOR ACADEMY NEWCASTLE**

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

1. The Excelsior Academy Newcastle will be a multi-faith community, enriched by the diversity of faiths of its pupils.
2. The Excelsior Academy Newcastle will make provision for the teaching of RE and for a daily act of collective worship in line with the guidance issued by the local SACRE.
3. RE will be provided for all pupils at the Academy.
4. All pupils will take part in a daily act of collective worship and arrangements will be made to provide opportunities for prayer for the variety of faiths of the pupils.
5. The Excelsior Academy Newcastle may choose to provide a single act of worship for all the pupils or separate acts for pupils in different age groups or different Academy groups at different times.
6. Parents will have the right to withdraw their children from RE and collective worship.
7. Teachers, including the Principal, have the right not to take part in RE and collective worship. However it is the Principal's responsibility to ensure that the provisions of this Annex are put into effect.
8. The content of RE and the form of collective worship will be for the Academy to determine from time to time, but in doing so, the Academy will take note of the arrangements established for RE and collective worship in maintained schools in Newcastle LEA and the views of the local SACRE.