Breadsall CE Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

At Breadsall CE Primary School, we believe every human being is created in God's image and therefore should be treated with dignity and respect. We celebrate diversity and differences and cherish the cultures, faiths and traditions that make up our community. Our goal is to develop happy, confident, loving and caring children who look after and value themselves, each other and their world. We ensure every child feels valued and flourishes with their unique personalities and talents in all that they choose to do.

Purpose

At Breadsall CE Primary School, the daily act of collective worship is a vital and inspirational part of school life. Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our vision and values:

Hope, Love & Respect

A flourishing community built on faith where everyone matters most

It is a time where we come together to share our love of God and celebrate our achievements. The worship of the school is based on promoting the Christian values which permeate the ethos of the school. As such, the contributions of staff, pupils, church members and other visitors are valued highly.

Aims of collective worship

By being Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring, we aim to:

- To provide an opportunity for children to worship God.
- To encourage children to reflect, explore and develop spiritual awareness.
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit.
- To encourage sensitivity when exploring the feelings and beliefs of other people including those of other faiths and cultures.
- To help children understand the language and nature of worship.
- To encourage participation and response.
- To give time for silent reflection and exploration of inner space.
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive values.

Christian Values

The school investigates Christian values through collective worship. This may take the form of the acts of worship being centred around a value for the half term or values being highlighted in the theme being covered. Values being investigated are displayed in the hall and further information is put on the school website and in the school newsletter.

Legal requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in the 1988 Education Reform Act 6 (1) and 9 (3), which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of worship either as a whole school, class or group. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from the act of worship either partially or wholly. Any parents wishing to do so should contact the Headteacher. Teachers also have the right to withdraw from leading and taking part in worship.

Organisation

Collective Worship is practised daily. Our current schedule is:

Monday: Whole school collective worship led by the headteacher based on the current Christian value/theme.

Tuesday: Whole school hymn and singing practice with prayer and reflection time led by a class teacher.

Wednesday: Whole school collective worship led by a member of Breadsall All Saints Church based on the current Christian value/theme or the Christian calendar. OPAL collective worships are also held when a member of church is unavailable where we communicate with pupils about equipment, expectations or other important messages. We reflect on how to look after our school grounds and co-operate with each other with an OPAL-based prayer.

Thursday: Stars collective worship led by the headteacher or senior leader, celebrating pupil achievements.

Friday: Key stage collective worship based on British Values and current affairs. We have two collective worships, one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. Class teachers or pupils lead these acts of worship.

An appropriate atmosphere is created by using music, candles, symbols or other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of children. Children engage in songs or hymns thought to be appropriate to the age group involved and there are quiet times for reflection and prayer included in the worship. Parents and friends are regularly invited to join the collective worships that take place in Breadsall All Saints Church which celebrate Christian events.

Planning

There is a long-term plan for values to be covered over the next year. Every half term the collective worship coordinator puts together a plan of music, hymns, stories, themes to be covered based on the current Christian theme and the Christian calendar which is shared with all those involved in the leading of collective worship. This plan is communicated with staff at the beginning of every half term.

Equal Opportunities

Our Collective worship affirms the equality of each individual in God's sight, whatever the child's gender and ethnicity, physical or mental ability. We seek to use materials that are appropriate to a range of abilities and aptitudes, so all pupils have access to collective worship

Other Faiths

At Breadsall CE Primary worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values however we are also committed to respecting each other's faith stance and culture, showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs.

Monitoring and Review

Monitoring the policy and practice of collective worship is the role of the collective worship coordinator and a foundation school governor. Pupil interviews take place to establish what pupils think about collective worship and work scrutinies take place in school to further improve the deliverance and impact of collective worship. The policy is reviewed at the end of each long-term plan.

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To be reviewed in January 2029 or before if circumstances change