



Brabourne CEP School

Collective Worship Policy – March 2023

This policy has been prepared with all four of our school's core Christian values – hope, courage, respect and responsibility – in mind.

**We show love and compassion for others by truly helping them, and not merely talking about it.”
1 John 3:18**

Introduction

Our collective worship policy strengthens and supports the Christian identity of our school, reaffirms our values and celebrates the contribution that each child makes to our community. Worship will reflect the variety of traditions found in the Church of England, and will recognise and follow the Christian liturgical year. The daily Christian act of worship is central to our ethos and is supported by all staff and members of the Governing Body.

“To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God and to devote the will to the purpose of God”. William Temple (1881-1894)

Aims

Our school worship is central to the life of the school and contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our pupils, as appropriate to their ages and aptitudes.

- to explore a relationship with God in Jesus Christ.
- to reflect on values that are of a broadly Anglican Christian tradition, whilst recognising the validity and importance of other Christian denominations, religions and belief systems
- to consider spiritual and moral issues and, through reflection, raise awareness of the ultimate questions of life relating to matters of faith.
- to reflect on their own beliefs.
- to deepen and widen the experience of those of 'faith' and encourage those of 'little or no formal faith' so that they begin to feel for themselves something of what it means to worship.
- to develop an enquiring mind and express and explore their own views openly and honestly through reflection and wondering questions.
- to develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values.
- to foster an awareness of the world around them and a sense of their place within it
- to develop a respect for and an understanding of different beliefs.
- to develop a sense of sharing and belonging through different groups of children coming together.
- To have opportunities to explore Biblical teachings.

Organisation

School worship

- Takes place daily
- It is all inclusive – it is for the whole school and parents can be invited.
- Teaching staff are encouraged to attend and all other staff are welcome.
- Takes place either in the school hall, classrooms, outdoors, at Brabourne Church, or anywhere deemed appropriate, such as on a school trip.
- Involves fortnightly visits from the Open the Book team to act out Bible stories alongside the children
- Is planned, with specific themes, at a level in accordance with the differing age groups and understanding of the pupils attending the act of worship.
- Includes celebration in songs, hymns, readings, drama and other creative ways.
- Invites pupils to write prayers and lead acts of worship.
- Allows members of the school community to have opportunities to reflect, responding individually or collectively to a statement of belief, prayer, silence or reflection.
- Celebrates the achievements and learning of all pupils.
- Encourages pupils to lead, participate and engage actively in worship.
- Is led termly, by the pupil Worship & Wonder team.

As a Church of England School, the content of our worship is organised to:

- Observe the cycle of the Church's Year – Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Saints' Days.
- Use the Bible as a source of knowledge and inspiration for themes and stories.
- Learn and say prayers, in particular the Lord's Prayer and the School Prayer. Then allow for a time of silence and reflection.
- Allow opportunities to speak personal prayers aloud.
- Sing a wide variety of hymns and songs.
- Experience Christian symbols in worship and reflecting on their meaning e.g. cross, crucifix, bread and wine and candles.
- Use Psalms with simple responses.
- Celebrate Eucharist.
- Use Anglican sentences and responses

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs, Psalm 100 vs 1 – 2

The nature of Acts of Worship

Our daily act of worship should be an activity that:

- Is educational and spiritually enhancing.
- Fosters a sense of community by sharing in fellowship with each other.
- Creates an atmosphere where those who wish to worship can do so.
- Introduces children to aspects of Christian worship and faith in an open and honest atmosphere.

- Encourages children to be creative, questioning and imaginative, within a Christian framework; also recognising the importance of experience, personal values and respect for the beliefs of others.
- Facilitates spiritual growth, enabling children to become true to themselves and others.
- Explores a relationship with God in Jesus Christ.
- Enable children to take a role and greater leadership within collective / class / whole school worship.

**Weekly Organisation of
Collective Worship**

Whole School

Monday

Whole School Worship with
Headteacher @ 2.40pm

Tuesday

Singing Worship with Mr Dray @
2.40pm

Wednesday

Class Worship @ 2.40pm

Thursday

Whole School Worship with
Headteacher @ 2.40pm/ Open the Book
@ 10.45am

Friday

Celebration worship with
Headteacher@ 2.40pm