



BRIMSCOMBE C E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collective Worship Policy

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Aims

- All our pupils feel safe, secure and valued.
- Each child grows in spiritual awareness, knowing that their own views are respected.
- Everyone in our school understands tolerance and respects others.
- The school community promotes positive attitudes to relationships and learning.
- The school delivers a vibrant, innovative and forward thinking Curriculum fit for our times.
- We build a community of children, staff, parents and Governors that works together for the benefit of all.

Introduction

The Trust Deed and school ethos statement inform the policy and practice of collective worship in Brimscombe Primary School. School Worship is an affirmation and celebration of the Christian foundation values and ethos of the school.

2. Who is the policy for?

The policy is a reference point for:
all staff including new, temporary and support staff
parents/carers

governors

those supporting the delivery of collective worship such as 'Open The Book'.

3. Aims

- To ensure Worship is central to the life and purposes of our school.
- To develop the moral, spiritual and emotional well being of all pupils.
- To promote the Christian understanding of God as Trinity. This will include: belief in God the source of all being and life, belief in Jesus who reveals God's love by His life, death and resurrection and belief in the Holy Spirit who makes the presence of Jesus known in the world.

4. Objectives

Through collective worship, using the Values for Life scheme we will:

- Provide an experience of worship that will allow children to respond to the presence, power and peace of God
- Introduce children to Christian language and symbolism and the cycle of the church year
- Explore a variety of ways of praying and introduce children to some well known Christian prayers, e.g. the Lord's Prayer
- Strengthen and support the school community giving expression to and reaffirming the Christian values of the school.
- Celebrate the gifts that each child brings to the school community, recognising the uniqueness of each individual made in the image of God.
- Encourage children to reflect on the puzzling questions that life poses and to respond to the wonder and mystery of the world around them.
- Foster a concern for others within the school and wider world.
- Foster an appreciation of the created world and an awareness of our responsibility for it.

5. Role of the School

The content of Values for Life will be taught through regular Collective Worship led by the head teacher, staff, children, Reverend, members of the ministry team or visitors. Bible stories will be taught through 'Open the Book'.

We will:

- Evaluate and monitor worship on a regular basis.
- Resource collective worship through the provision of books, artefacts etc
- Support the Values for Life key themes through relevant and up to date displays.

6. Equal Opportunities

There must be a daily act of worship for all pupils which takes account of their age and aptitude. (Education Reform Act 1988). Parents have the right to withdraw children from collective worship and suitable arrangements should be made to accommodate these children. Since this is a church school however, worship is central to its life and work and is regarded as a very important part of children's education. Worship will be of a Christian nature however, other world faiths and their beliefs and traditions will also be shared in order to promote respect and understanding.

7. Links to Other policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following:

Equal opportunities

Spiritual Development

PSHCE

Home-school agreement

8. This Policy will be reviewed every year

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