

North Bradley C.E. Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

'Shine as a light in the world' (Philippians 2:15)

'SHINE'

Strive, Hope, Inclusion, Nurture, Equality.

At North Bradley we offer a daily act of worship for our children. The majority of our acts of worship are of a wholly or mainly Christian character and incorporate our school values.

We follow the principles listed below:-

- Collective worship should be inclusive, appropriate and relevant to all children at North Bradley CE Primary School regardless of their personal commitment or life-stance
- Collective worship should be educational, with curricular links and suitable to the children's ages, aptitudes and backgrounds
- Collective worship should contribute to the religious education of all pupils
- Collective worship should have a sense of occasion and include a chance for pupils to think and reflect.

Broad Aims;

to foster a sense of inclusion and equality; bringing pupils together

to create an atmosphere where those who wish to worship may do so

to encourage pupils in striving to have a more reflective approach to life using our windows, mirrors and doors

to increase sensitivity towards, and awareness of, the search for meaning in life

to introduce pupils to various aspects (prayer, hymn, drama, art) of worship in an open and honest way.

Spiritual Development

At North Bradley CE Primary we believe that;

- **Spirituality is the awareness of being part of something bigger than ourselves. We shine out on the world and allow the world to shine upon us.**

For worship to contribute to the spiritual development of North Bradley pupils we aim:-

- to celebrate all that is good and lovely about life
- to provide opportunities for pupils to share what is meaningful and significant to them, including the happy and sad aspects of life
- to give time for silent reflection and exploration of inner space
- to invite (never coerce) a response from the children which is appropriate to the occasion.

Organisation/Venue

Collective worship themes are planned by the Headteacher as Collective Worship leader and communicated to all staff. Themes are based on the school's Values and Biblical underpinning. Collective Worship planning is completed by the collective worship lead to ensure continuity and consistency.

The school considers it important that as many members of staff as possible should contribute to, or lead, collective worship on a rotational basis.

The school makes use of such visitors as local clergy, to lead assemblies. The incumbent leads a collective act of worship every fortnight with some being held in the church. The Baptist Church provides a termly 'Open the Book' assembly and the incumbent Baptist Church Pastor leads an act of collective worship every fortnight.

The school has a 'Collective Worship Young Leaders Group' who lead collective worship sessions across the year.

On a Friday collective worship is held in classrooms and follows the 'Picture News' scheme of work. This allows children to engage in topical issues and develop their understanding of the wider world around them. This supports children in developing their understanding of how to be courageous advocates.

Collective worship may take place in the hall or in classrooms.

In addition, on special occasions, we visit the local church, i.e. Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Remembrance, end of the school year.

We believe that collective worship should start in a quiet and orderly way.

Music is usually played at these times.

Children sit in class groups for collective worship.

Prayers and periods of silence will take place.

Hymns and songs will be sung where appropriate.

Responsibility For Worship

It is the responsibility of the governing body to see that these arrangements are carried out.

Withdrawal

Parents who wish to withdraw their children should write to the Headteacher confirming their reasons as to why their child should not take part. A meeting will then be convened to discuss this further and look at options for how the child will be supervised.

For teachers, “attending collective worship” is identified as a professional duty in the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document. A conscience clause does exist for teachers who wish to withdraw from collective worship.