



Binsted CE Primary School *Collective Worship Policy*

Faith, Hope & Love

Principle

1. In accordance with the School Trust Deeds and in line with requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act, there will be a daily act of Collective Worship. This will take place on school premises, at the time of day agreed by staff and can incorporate any school group.
2. Collective Worship is an integral part of the broad and balanced curriculum to which all our children are entitled, and helps underpin the whole ethos of the school.
3. Collective Worship in school is for all pupils and staff – no assumptions are made about their personal commitment and the integrity of each individual is respected.
4. Collective Worship is matched to the age, aptitude and family circumstances of the children.

Aims

School Worship will:

- Provide the opportunity to further the Christian foundation of this Church of England school.
- Express, explore and affirm individual and communal values and needs including religious values and attitudes
- Give opportunity for reflection
- Ensure a clear response to diversity, including different religious backgrounds and that each individual's integrity is respected
- Have a coherent structure of themes over the school year but also flexibility to allow for topical themes or concerns.
- Include members of the local Clergy and Laity to further develop our distinct Christian ethos.

Practice and procedure

1. The majority of acts of collective Worship will be based on the principles and values of Christianity within the broad traditions of Anglicanism. The themes explored will be appropriate to pupils whatever their background or personal beliefs, whether Christian or otherwise.
2. A collective act of worship should provide opportunities to:
 - Focus on a particular issue – by providing a stimulus
 - Encourage reflections of the chosen theme
 - Respond in a variety of ways – prayers which children may be invited to join in if they wish, singing, reflection
 - Develop a sense of reverence – over time we hope to achieve this through recognition, affirmation and celebrations of the worthiness of those values held important to our community.
3. We aim to create an atmosphere of calmness before collective worship; therefore the children will be expected to enter and leave the hall quietly. Music will be played before entering and leaving the hall. Candles and religious artefacts will often provide a focus.
4. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective Worship. This will be discussed sensitively with the parents and arrangements made.

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