

Bryn St. Peter's C.E. Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

Reviewed by C Brady

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Bryn St Peter's Church of England Primary School

Statement of Intent

School Mission Statement

Our church school is committed to the provision and celebration of excellent education in a Christian context. In a caring, and respectful community, where Christian values are at the core of everything we do, we encourage pupils to excel and develop their full potential.

All children are welcomed into a secure and safe environment where they are valued as unique and are included, accepted as individuals and where achievements are celebrated.

Together, with God, we are building our future.

Our Core Christian Values

FAITH

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not

COMPASSION

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just

HOPE

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of

RESPECT

Matthew 7:12

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you.

LOVE

1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and

Rationale

Bryn St Peter's is a Church of England Primary School. As such, it takes its responsibility to educate children in the beliefs and practices of the Christian faith very seriously. A Christian ethos is actively fostered in the school in relation to all aspects of school life; worship is seen as central to this process. The 1988 Education Reform Act, modified by the Education Act (1993), requires all pupils in attendance at a maintained school "to take part in a daily act of collective worship" ERA Sections 6(1).

Aims of Collective Worship at Bryn St Peter's

- To provide an opportunity for children to learn to pray and worship God
- To help children to develop compassion, interior posture, wisdom and courage and endurance through Christ's example
- To provide our pupils and staff with regular opportunities for stillness, reflection and prayer.
- To teach children how story, music, song, prayer, reflection, symbols, ritual and liturgical language assist us in worship
- To celebrate all aspects of school life and Christian community including the sharing of the gifts and talents of all our pupils.
- To promote the spiritual development of our children
- To develop a sense of community
- To introduce children to the language and rituals of the Church of England
- To introduce children to the important festivals, holy days and celebrations of the major World religions; Christian, Buddhist, Islamic, Sikh, Hindu and Jewish and faiths
- To celebrate and learn about cultural and religious diversity
- To provide an opportunity for collective celebration of success and key events in the life of the school
- To develop children's social and emotional literacy

Organisation of collective worship

Day and time	Focus	Classes	Led by
Monday 10:45	Cristian value themed worship	Whole school	Head Teacher
Tuesday	Themed class worship linked to Monday's worship	All classes	Class Teacher
Wednesday 10:45	Praise and worship / Bible reading	Whole school	Church Leader/Assistant Head
Thursday	Picture News class worship	All classes	Class Teacher
Friday 10:45	Celebration	Whole school and parents	Head Teacher

Collective Worship routines

A calendar of collective worship themes is organised by the collective worship lead, for each school year.

The themes are drawn from:

- Values for Life resource
- The Church's year
- Festivals of other important worshipping communities; major World
- Other religious festivals
- Picture News resource

Collective worship is carefully planned and includes

- Use of traditional Church of England opening
- A focus Bible verse, story or inspirational image quote
- Music for entering, exciting or setting the tone
- A hymn or spiritual song.
- A story / drama / activity
- Time for reflection on the message of the collective worship
- The lighting of a candle and the use of words to explain the presence of the Holy Spirit during collective worship,
- The Lord's Prayer and the Grace are taught to children
- Pupil contribution through prayer
- Opportunity for children / adults to evaluate worship

Whole School Worship

- Some worships are planned to celebrate the major Christian festivals: Harvest, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost as well as national days e.g. Remembrance and Holocaust Day. Care is taken to create a sense of occasion for our Worship.
- Some worships are extended to all children and adults in school.
- Visiting clergy and church leaders are invited to lead worship.
- Governors, parents and carers are invited to attend collective worship.

R.A.V.E Group

School has an ethos group known as the R.A.V.E group comprising of children from years 3 to 6.

Their purpose is to;

- Promote Christian Values in the school community.
- Open up the prayer shed and support children who use it.
- Review collective worship and talk to their peers about ways in which worship can be improved.
- Deliver different aspects of collective worship, both in the classroom and during whole school worship.
- Highlight children who have used Christian Values, these are then celebrated in Celebration Assembly.
- Attend the Ethos Hub - a cluster of school's ethos groups meet up to discuss ideas for promotion Christian values and Christian distinctiveness within the school community.

Right of withdrawal

We expect all children to attend collective worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

The Head Teacher keeps a record of all children who withdraw from collective worship.

Collective Worship Lead - Mrs Cheryl Brady

Signed: *C Brady*

Headteacher - Mr Andrew McConnell

Signed: *A. McConnell*