

Bishop Lonsdale Church of England Primary School and Nursery



Collective Worship Policy

1. Rationale

All pupils at Bishop Lonsdale Church of England Primary School and Nursery are required to take part in daily Collective Worship where they are given the opportunity to explore their own beliefs and consider spiritual and moral issues.

At Bishop Lonsdale School we believe that children are able to develop confidently in a safe and secure environment nurtured by the beliefs and teachings of the Christian faith. We meet together daily as a community to reinforce community values and to worship together, encouraging children to develop a positive learning and caring attitude towards each other.

Worship draws attention to the Anglican and Christian tradition of the school. We feel that it is important for the children to gain experience of this tradition through prayers, simple liturgy and hymns.

Legal framework

This policy has due regard to statutory legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- The School Standards and Framework Act 1998

This policy also has due regard to guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (1994) 'Religious Education and Collective Worship'

2. Subject Aims

- To adhere to the legal requirements for worship in a voluntary aided Church of England school.
- Enable pupils to consider spiritual and moral issues, as well as explore their own beliefs.
- Encourage participation and response via active involvement or through listening and participating in the worship offered.
- Help pupils to develop an awareness of their community and the spirit of helping others.
- Develop a spirit of community and an understanding of individuals with other beliefs.
- Acknowledge diversity and affirm each individual's life stance, whether religious or not.
- Promote a common ethos and shared Christian values.
- Provide a peaceful environment to enable stillness, prayer and reflection.
- To open channels of communication with each other and God.
- To give the children the opportunity to explore, experience and encounter different aspects of the Anglican and Christian traditions.

This policy will be implemented alongside the following school policies:

- RE Policy
- Guest Speaker Policy

3. Equal opportunities

Parents have a legal right for their children to be withdrawn from worship. The Headteacher is available for consultation on this matter. Parents are informed of this right in the school prospectus. However, when they apply for a place for their child, they are informed that Christianity is central to the ethos of our school.

The pupils are not withdrawn from worship for extra or additional support.

The teacher who is taking the class must attend Collective Worship. Other members of staff do not always attend Collective Worship but may do so if they wish.

4. Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Policy of the school is adopted in Collective Worship and it is the responsibility of all staff to ensure in an emergency that the children are evacuated calmly and safely from the hall.

When attending St Luke's Church, a risk assessment has been written and it is the responsibility of the Headteacher and teaching staff to ensure that we have the correct adult child ratio for each class.

5. Nature of Learning

Planning and Consultation

A three-year long-term plan is followed and each half term we look at a different Christian value relating them to the children's lives and the lives of others.

Themes are planned in accordance with the Anglican yearly cycle. Appropriate material may be included from current topics and themes within the school curriculum.

We aim to be flexible enough in our planning so that we can respond to changing situations both internal and external.

Diversity

Whole school Collective Worship takes place daily (FS2 join the rest of the school for worship from the spring term or earlier if their teacher feels it is appropriate). It is held in the school hall and sometimes includes contributions from external Christian organisations e.g The Discovery Squad.

Mass is celebrated twice a year (St Luke's Mass and The Leaver's Service) as a whole school and throughout the year special services are held at St Luke's in which parents, staff, governors and members of the local community are invited to participate.

Weekly Collective Worship Programme

The school aims to deliver a varied Collective Worship programme to pupils. The current schedule is outlined in the table below:

Day of the week	Delivery of programme
Monday	A whole-school worship assembly is delivered by the Headteacher.
Tuesday	A whole School Worship is delivered by class teachers and visitors on a rota basis. The themes for these Worships are related to the half term Christian Values and topics.
Wednesday	Whole-school hymn practice is delivered by our visiting pianist and by class teachers on a rota basis. Prayer and reflection time is included at the end of the hymn practice.
Thursday	Class Worship are related to the half term Christian Values or Picture News and themes and are led by the class teachers
Friday	A whole-school celebration Worship is delivered by the Headteacher.

Included in these Acts of Worship are:

- Opportunities for reflection
- Singing
- Prayers (From the Anglican tradition).
- Class-led worship
- Story-telling, traditional and Bible based
- Drama and mime
- Opportunities for the children to make personal contributions (Prayers)

Time Allocation

Worships are planned for 15-20 minutes each day and 30 minutes when mass is celebrated. Worship at St Luke's Church lasts approximately 45 minutes.

6. Assessment, Recording and Reporting

Each half term, one class, per week, is responsible for writing the following weeks prayers. The prayers are written in the children's RE books and if written on paper they are placed in the whole school prayer book.

The planning can be found in the Collective Worship Coordinator's file.

Children who attend Worship Club will evaluate a selection of Collective Worships each half term.

7. Cross Curricular Links

In Collective Worship, where possible, cross-curricular links are made. There are strong links made between Collective Worship, RE, Music and the PSHCE curriculum.

8. Roles and Responsibilities

The Collective Worship Coordinator plans a half-termly programme of Worship themes and distributes these to all teachers. All teaching staff are responsible for leading at least one worship each term.

We welcome parents, governors and the wider community to some of our Worship in school and at St Luke's Church and advertise these events in the school newsletter and on the website.

9. Resources

A range of books and resources are available to support Collective Worship in the school and are kept in the Nurture room and in the Hall.

10. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Collective Worship Coordinator, Headteacher and in agreement with the governing body.

This policy will be evaluated in accordance with feedback from questionnaires and class discussions.

Any changes made to this policy and the Collective Worship programme will be communicated to all members of staff.

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April 2020 will be reviewed in two years

Ratified by Governors June 2020

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