



Beardall Fields Primary and Nursery School **Collective Worship Policy**

At Beardall Fields Primary and Nursery School our Collective Worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our mission statement.

'Happy, Inspired, Valued, Successful'

It is a time where we come together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns issues and beliefs and to celebrate our achievements together. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences.

The Purpose of Collective worship

Collective Worship is for all pupils, and it usually forms a small part of an assembly or its entirety. Collective Worship has the potential to unite the whole school and therefore develop a sense of community. It is a part of our contribution to promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of every single person in the school community. During Collective Worship we are working towards creating experiences, which recognise the integrity and dignity of all members of the school community, both those who adopt a religious life-stance and those who do not.

At Beardall Fields Primary and Nursery School our collective worship is broadly Christian but is distinct from corporate worship within a faith group. Many beliefs that are broadly Christian are inclusive to other major World Faiths. For example, love, peace, good and evil, greed, poverty, charity, tolerance, co-operation, prejudice and morality.

These experiences should be educational and stimulate the possibility of a person's inward reflection, which can lead them to the development of an outward and open lifestyle in which they live harmoniously with others.

Aims of Collective Worship

- To provide opportunity for an experience of worship
- To reflect on the values and concerns of the school community and the community it serves
- To explore together the world in which we live
- To enable children to gain insights into ways in which people express themselves within their faith commitments and to be sensitive to those different ways of responding.

Collective Worship in school should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Worship
- Reflect on moral issues
- Explore beliefs
- Experience a sense of wonder
- Experience common prayer
- Have a time for reflection and self-awareness
- Make links with the wider community
- Develop an appreciation of other faiths

At Beardall Fields Primary and Nursery School all assemblies/Collective Worship are based on the principles that they should be inclusive, educational, spiritual and contribute to the spiritual, moral, social

and cultural development of children. They should be special times where children can feel secure and relaxed and share with others to foster a feeling of community.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

Planning Themes can be linked to:

- Religious events
- Special events
- British Values
- SEAL (Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning) and are linked to the Calendar of Religious Festivals for the year

The themes enable children to reflect on matters of importance and offer them the chance to respond through a variety of activities, songs, music making, hymns, drama, role play, the visual arts, silent thought, prayer and discussion.

Organisation

We aim to provide a variety of worship experiences for the children. Our current schedule is as follows:

Monday	Key Stage worship led by visitors from local churches
Tuesday	Key Stage worship led by Key Stage leaders.
Wednesday	Key stage hymn and singing practice led by members of staff on a rota basis
Thursday	Key stage worship led by the Deputy Head
Friday	Whole school Celebration Assembly led by the Headteacher

The Law

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in the 1988 Education Reform Act which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of Worship either as a whole school, class or group. The Education Act (1993) states that acts of worship may contain certain elements drawn from a number of different faiths, but that within each term, the majority of acts of worship must be wholly or mainly of a Christian character.

Parents have the right to withdraw their Child from acts of worship, Staff equally have the right to withdraw from collective worship. Arrangements would be made for children who have been withdrawn from collective worship. All children would be provided with appropriate class work and supervised.

This policy was reviewed in September 2016