

Brompton-on-Swale CE Primary School
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Collective Worship Policy (July 2023)

Statement of Intent

At Brompton-on-Swale Church of England School, the daily act of Collective Worship is highly valued and every effort is made to ensure that all children and staff take part in a high quality and meaningful experience offering a spiritual encounter within an inclusive Christian and educational context. We aim to:

- offer the whole school community the opportunity to participate in worship, ensuring that the experiences provided are relevant to the age, aptitude and family background of the children on both an individual and collective basis.
- enable children, staff and visitors to explore and celebrate difference and diversity in a safe environment where mentioning the name of God is regarded as normal practice.
- seek to widen and enhance the experience of those of faith, no faith and the curious and to allow them to make their own response.
- allow the whole school community to recognise the presence and personal nature of God.
- offer inclusive worship within the tenets of the Anglican Christian tradition recognising the presence of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ensure that collective worship is properly resourced and professionally co-ordinated.
- use regular monitoring and evaluation of all stakeholders to review and further develop creative and meaningful acts of collective worship.

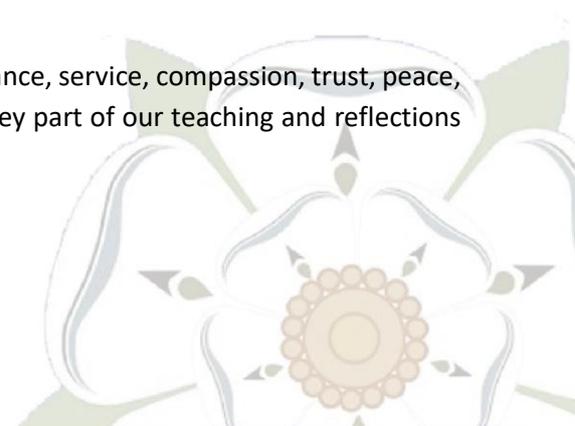
Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our mission statement.

‘Having the courage to shine.’

The worship of the school is based on promoting the Christian values which permeate the ethos of the school. As such, the contributions of staff, pupils, church clergy and other visitors are valued highly.

Christian Values

We identify the values of reverence, wisdom, thankfulness, humility, endurance, service, compassion, trust, peace, forgiveness, friendship, justice, hope, creation and koinonia which form a key part of our teaching and reflections within daily collective worship.



These values are also linked to the school's curriculum through the teaching of RE and PSHE as well as other important curriculum entitlements at Brompton-on-Swale that children are encouraged to try and achieve. The promotion of Christian values is a key part of children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

Planning and organisation

Members of the local church community (including the incumbent) deliver a weekly session to the children using the 'Open the Book' resource materials. This is then adapted to link in with our values taught in PSHE (where appropriate), British Values, the church calendar and current events.

The Head of School is responsible for organising a collective worship timetable. This includes the themes that are being delivered, links to Christian and British values, recorded follow up reflections and current affairs topics. Our Year 6 children take an active role in helping to set up and deliver collective worship.

Prayer and Reflection

Collective worship always includes a time of prayer and/or reflection. Towards the end of the whole school worship a time of reflection and quiet is encouraged. At the beginning of the lunch hour, grace is said by both adults and children in each class. Prayers are also said at the end of the school day. Reflection takes part as it's own collective worship session each week. During this session, the key themes from the open the Book session are discussed, and questions are presented to children for their thoughts. This is done through our Collective Worship 'Yammer' page online. Children can access this and post their thoughts and comments. The Head of School will then read these and discuss them in the following week's session as well as presenting new reflection questions.

Responsibility for collective worship at Brompton-on-Swale Church of England School

Monitoring and review of Collective Worship will be carried out jointly by the Head of School, members of the governing body, the incumbent and the appointed Year 6 children in their collective worship team.

The Right of Withdrawal

Brompton-on-Swale Church of England School recognises the legal right of parents to withdraw their children from Collective Worship as clearly laid out in the school prospectus.

Support for delivery of collective worship (professional development)

Brompton-on-Swale Church of England School recognises the need for professional development of staff in the review and delivery of Collective Worship and will ensure that training is offered on both an individual and whole staff basis.

Policy Review

This policy was agreed in October 2015. It will be reviewed on a biannual basis.

Policy reviewed – July 2023

