



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

This policy has been developed in the context of the caring, thoughtful ethos of the school where all members of the school community are valued and encouraged to take responsibility for themselves, others and the world about them.

Collective worship at our school meets the requirements of the 1988 Education reform Act which states that:

- children should meet daily for collective worship and
- the majority of these acts of worship should reflect the traditions and ethos of Christian belief

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual moral and cultural issues
- respond to the worship offered

At Bordon Infants we believe that Collective Worship should help children:-

- Develop a sense of Awe and Wonder
- Develop self-awareness
- Recognise the worth of each individual and develop a sense of community
- Express their feelings and thoughts in a variety of different ways
- Develop empathy with others
- Develop their spirituality

This is best achieved by:-

- Planning imaginative and inspiring acts of worship which explore moral, emotional and spiritual issues
- Involving children in the act of Worship whenever possible.
- Inviting a range of staff, visitors and governors, including local religious leaders to lead or attend Collective Worship.
- Providing a calm and reflective atmosphere, that provides a variety of stimulating experiences.
- Celebrating the achievements of individuals and groups within the school.

- Recognising and valuing the different ways in which human beings celebrate special moments in life.
- Respecting the integrity of the religious communities from which the pupils come.
- Encouraging the children to be creative, questioning and imaginative within a broad Christian framework which recognises the importance of experience, personal values and respect for the beliefs of others.
- Ensuring the whole school community share together in worship
- Providing opportunities to visit local churches
- Allowing pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development to be enhanced at every opportunity.

Specifically:

- The pattern of Collective Worship throughout the week is varied.
 - The whole school normally meets together on every day
 - One day each week may be designated as a Family Group session rather than whole school Collective Worship
 - During the Autumn term Year R will meet as classes or as a year group until it is appropriate for them to start joining whole school Collective Worship
- Issues are explored in a variety of ways (such as stories, readings, music, visitors, children’s work, pictures, artifacts and discussion) to maintain children’s interest

We want our school community to value this time and to grow in understanding that people are from different cultures, with different beliefs and points of view which should be respected.

We respect the right of parents to withdraw their children from Collective Worship if they inform the Headteacher.

<p>Ratified by: [name/body]:.....</p> <p>Date:.....</p> <p>Signed (Chair):.....</p>
