

Barncroft Primary School



Collective Worship Policy

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Barncroft Primary School aims to offer a wide ranging education, to prepare pupils for life, not only in their own community but in a wider world. Collective worship has the opportunity to transform a school and its pupils outside the pressures of curriculum but within the school day. It also provides the opportunity for the school to meet together in a variety of contexts and to consider itself in terms of the great ideas and events of the world.

Legal Requirements

(For details see School Standard Framework Act 1988 and circular1/94)

- All pupils must take part in a daily act of collective worship, unless they have been withdrawn from it by their parents.
- Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship and parents or carers do not have to explain or give reasons for their request. The Head teacher keeps a record of all children who have been withdrawn from collective worship.
- As Barncroft is a maintained school, collective worship must be “Wholly or mainly of a Christian character,” that is be within the broad traditions of Christian beliefs, on the majority of occasions.
- Collective worship must be non-denominational in maintained schools.

Aims of Collective Worship

- To establish affirm and celebrate the common and shared values of the school.
- To nurture the identity and nature of the school as a community.
- To develop positive attitudes amongst the pupils.
- To provide an opportunity for pupils to worship God.
- To enable pupils to come to terms with their own beliefs, values and commitments, and with those of others.
- In short, to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural developments of pupils.

Worship is understood as an act of collective worship in a maintained school and can be interpreted very openly and widely as an act which brings a school group to a point where they are able to make a shared, reflective response to a divine being, power, ideal, value or worth, mainly within the broad traditions of Christian belief on the majority of occasions.

Approaches

- Daily worship is provided through the following means:
- Whole school acts of worship in assembly
- Acts of worship by year group/key stage group assemblies
- Acts of worship in class/tutor group

Daily worship/assemblies are normally conducted by members of staff however they are sometimes led by local clergy or representatives of other religious groups. Our assembly themes are taken from the traditions of the Christian faith, SEAL (**S**ocial and **E**motional **A**spects of **L**earning), Current World Events and Religious Festivals.

The majority of acts of worship will be mainly of a Christian character, the use of hymns, singing, prayers and themes. Sometimes candles, pictures, objects or even a prominent verse of scripture that's associated with worship can be used to help create the atmosphere or focus children and adults.

Governors, parents, carers, family and friends are often invited to shared class assemblies or special themed assemblies. We encourage their attendance as we believe this helps to promote community spirit and a working together, in order to celebrate and support the children's achievements.

Monitoring and review

Monitoring the policy and practice of collective worship is the role of a named school Governor, who is also responsible for Religious Education. The governor concerned liaises with the head teacher before reporting to the governors.

***This policy will be reviewed at least every two years.**

Term	SEAL theme	Value	Related values
Autumn1	New beginnings	Friendship	Thoughtfulness, caring
Autumn2	Getting on and falling out? Say no to bullying	Co-operation	Patience, understanding
Spring 1	Going for goals	Responsibility	Rights, trust
Spring 2	Good to be me!	Honesty	Trust, Humility
Summer1	Relationships	Respect	Tolerance, Understanding
Summer 2	Changes	Courage	Hope