



# Barlaston CE (VC) First School



## Collective Worship Policy

“Enabling our whole school community to flourish and let their light shine whilst preparing them for their role as gentle and humble agents for change in the world we share”

### **Aim**

Our aim is that Collective Worship contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all in our school family.

We recognise that Collective Worship provides important opportunities for our school family 's development of spiritual, moral, social and cultural. Thus encouraging all to flourish and let their light shine.

By providing a daily act of worship for the whole of the school family, we are enabling all to:

- Worship God
- Flourish as a child of God
- Reflect on Christian values, personal development, multi-faith festivals and curriculum aptitudes
- Develop a family community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Respond to the teachings during worship
- Respond to Christian language and symbolism
- Experience stillness and reflection time
- Experience different form of prayer and meditation. These might include praise, seeking forgiveness or quiet reflection
- Begin to understand the nature and purpose of worship
- Ensuring the daily act of worship is distinctively Christian in content and follows the liturgical calendar
- Ensuring Collective worship, whether whole school, or in class is inspirational, thought provoking and transformational
- Develops the Christian vision, values and ethos of the school

- Includes a range of creative opportunities e.g. music, silence, symbol and drama
- Involves pupils through opening and closing the worship, and at planned opportunities throughout
- Celebrate and give thanks for achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals
- Provides a foundation for understanding and practice of worship in the future
- Will take place in a variety of places, e.g. school hall, classroom, outdoors, church

### **Content of Daily Worship**

As a church of England school, the contents of our worship:

- Is planned by the Reverend Stewart Jones (Vicar of St John the Baptist Church in Barlaston)
- Covers the three main values within our vision statement of Family, Friendship and Faith
- Teaches within the three main values, two additional values for each
- Covers all the major Christian festivals
- Is rooted in bible teaching
- Uses our school prayer and additional prayers, many prompted by the children
- Is presented in a variety of styles including music, story, drama, singing, reflection, reverence and prayer
- Is appropriate to age, aptitude and background of our pupils

### **Management of Collective Worship**

The worship lead is shared by all the teachers. The worship programme shows continuity of Christian teaching, experience, breadth and balance as is appropriate to the school community.

Worships are monitored and evaluated by foundation and non-foundation governors.

Reverend Stewart Jones manages a rota of church representatives to lead worship on Wednesday afternoons.

### **Current Worship Practice**

Monday	Bible story based on termly value, led by the Head
Tuesday	Songs for Worship led by a teacher
Wednesday	Story told on Monday is then developed and explored, led by a member of the church

Thursday	How this bible teaching relates to us, what can we do to be more like Jesus? Class or Key stage
Friday	Celebration family worship. Celebrating letting our light shine and flourishing as a child of God

### **Early Years Worship**

Nursery and Reception have a daily act of worship which is led by the class teacher, or a member of the church. Throughout the autumn term, reception class will integrate into the main worship.

### **Prayer and Reflection**

Collective worship always included a time for prayer and reflection. A range of prayers are included.

Reflection time may occur at any point during the worship.

Throughout the worship we provide opportunities for reflection, prayer and personal thoughts., This may be prompted by artefacts, music, an image or symbol.

Through prayer and reflection, we affirm the school values and leave all with something to think about.

### **Policy review**

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### **Next review**

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#### **Approved by:**

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