



# **BISHOP LOVEDAY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **Collective Worship Policy**

This policy will was reviewed in November 2019.

It will be reviewed again in November 2021

At Bishop Loveday School we work within an inclusive, Christian environment promoting Christian values including Love, Respect, Friendship, Unity, Courage and Forgiveness. These permeate all aspects of school life enabling us to help every child achieve their full potential by equipping them with a feeling of self-worth, a respectful attitude towards others, an excitement for learning and an enthusiasm for life. We equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be able to make informed choices about the important things in their future enabling them to lead happy and rewarding lives.

### Philosophy

As a Church of England school we want children to feel part of and grow in Faith. We hope all of our life is an offering of worship to God and we believe collective worship is an important part of the spiritual development of our children.

### Aims

- to promote Christian values.
- to encourage children to develop a spiritual and moral dimension to life through the use of words, music and images.
- to encourage children to develop a growing awareness of God and understanding of what it means to be a Christian.
- to encourage children to relate to God through participation in prayer.
- to provide opportunities for reflection and response.
- to involve children with the local church by holding collective worship in church and by inviting the vicar to lead weekly school assemblies in school.
- to enable the children to feel comfortable in the local church organisation.
- to enable children to help organise and make decisions about the contents of assemblies.

The weekly theme is based on Christian values and the Christian calendar. Every child partakes in 5 acts of worship a week. Collective acts of worship vary between whole school, phase, year group and class assemblies. This enables worship to be relevant and appropriate to the age groups involved. At regular intervals children attend church. Pupils are encouraged to be part of a worship organisation by contributing ideas or taking active roles in assembly.

We encourage moments of quiet, reflection, celebration and prayer in the classroom.

Parents attend the Friday, whole school assembly on a weekly basis. Staff, parents and governors are invited to attend other assemblies throughout the year.

## Content

As a Church of England School our themes are Christian. As a starting point, the scheme Roots and Fruits is used to enable Biblical teaching. Materials from world faiths will be used where appropriate to enrich the theme. Visiting speakers are invited to take assemblies and the content is discussed in advance with the Headteacher or the R.E. co-ordinator. Hymns are linked wherever possible to the weekly theme. The Friday assembly is used to reflect on issues or events within the wider world, making links to the British Values and to our Christian values.

## Resources

Assembly books, including the Roots & Fruits scheme, are kept in the staffroom. Music is available to accompany hymn singing. Three candles are lit at the beginning of worship, making links with the holy trinity.

## Right of Withdrawal

All children will attend the act of collective worship unless they are withdrawn by parental request. Children who are withdrawn from collective worship will be supervised in the library area of the school, and will enter the hall in time to participate with the other aspects of the school assembly e.g. notices, celebration of achievements, reinforcement of school policy.

If there are any concerns about Collective Worship, parents are encouraged to contact the Headteacher.

## Monitoring and Review

Monitoring the policy and practice of collective worship is the role of the Foundation Governors who are also responsible for Religious Education. The Governors meet termly with the Act of Worship co-ordinator before reporting to the whole Governing Body.