



Policy – Collective Worship

Date – May 2017

Review Date – May 2020

Based on – Diocese of Leeds Collective Worship Guidelines

Signed by the Headteacher

Name _____

Signed on behalf of Governors

Name _____

Burley and Woodhead School vision and aims

As a Church of England school, we are committed to preparing our children for their journey into the 21st century. The world in which they will live as adults will be diverse, uncertain, dynamic and full of opportunities. We recognise this and are committed to giving them a primary education, in partnership with parents, local Churches and the wider community, which prepares them for the rest of their lives.

Our aim is to develop a school that everyone can be proud of which promotes a strong social, moral, spiritual and academic ethos. When children leave our school, they will be respectful, resilient, confident, caring individuals with a love of learning, who are ambitious future leaders of their local and global community.

We will do this by:

- Ensuring the members of our school community can work together in a caring, safe and supportive learning environment.
- Communicating our identity through our six Burley Woodhead me areas: learning me, global me, healthy me, creative me, safe me and collaborative me.
- Underpinning all our work with our twelve Christian values: compassion, courage, forgiveness, friendship, generosity, justice, perseverance, respect, service, thankfulness, trust and truthfulness.
- Promoting a Growth Mindset ethos to ensure that children and adults have the capacity to learn when it is challenging, resilient when approaching unfamiliar tasks and reflective when given feedback.

All of our policies are underpinned by our school vision and aims.

Statement of Intent

At Burley and Woodhead 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.

Legal Requirements

The law requires the Headteacher and Governing Body of every school to provide a daily act of Collective Worship which is in line with the schools Trust Deed and foundation. The School meets this requirement and it is explained to all involved in the planning and delivery of acts of worship.

At Burley and Woodhead Church of England School 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.

The positive educational outcomes of Collective Worship at Burley and Woodhead Church of England School include opportunities for:

- the whole community to celebrate;
- sharing and experiencing differences;
- developing a culture of learning;
- building a sense of group identity;
- encouraging a sense of personal and social responsibility;
- a break from the busyness of life (for stillness and quiet);
- learning how to behave in a large social group;
- exploring feelings and emotions;
- learning how to perform in front of an audience;
- learning how to respond to a performance;
- making visible the school's leadership, including local clergy;
- developing inner awareness.

Responsibility for Collective Worship at Burley and Woodhead Church of England School

Monitoring and review of Collective Worship will be carried out jointly by the Headteacher, the Collective Worship leader, the governor with specific responsibility for Collective Worship, the incumbent and the pupil R.E. leaders.

The Right of Withdrawal

Burley and Woodhead Church of England School recognises the legal right of parents to withdraw their children from Collective Worship as clearly laid out in the parental handbook which is available on the school website.

Support for delivery of Collective Worship (professional development)

Burley and Woodhead 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.

To support leading Collective Worship, we use the resource "Roots and Fruits" which ties in with the focus Christian Value for each half term. The acts of worship generally follow themes that are aligned to the schools values but include a recognition of the church's year and make space for other national events.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Burley Woodhead me	Learning me	Global me	Safe me	Healthy me	Creative me	Collaborative me
Christian values (two year rolling programme)	Courage Perseverance	Service Compassion	Friendship Truthfulness	Forgiveness Respect	Thankfulness Trust	Justice Generosity
PSHE	Me and learning	Me and making a positive contribution	Me and online safety	Me and growing and changing	Me and my relationships	Me and money

Visitors

Visitors are warmly welcomed to the school. Representatives from St Mary's Church, including the Vicar, are involved in Collective Worship in the school once a week. Visitors should understand the educational aims of Collective Worship at the school and the need to avoid any proselytising. Attempts to persuade pupils to adopt a particular religious or non religious belief are not appropriate (see Visiting Speakers policy).