



# Bishopstone C.E. Primary School

Bishopstone Church of England School, Bishopstone, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN6 8PW

## Collective Worship Policy

### Values

Bishopstone CE School is a Church of England Primary school. Worship is therefore an important part of the school day, as through it we offer the opportunity to explore, reflect on and respond to the mystery and meaning of the Christian faith. All acts of worship are in accordance with the school's Trust Deed which states that worship should be "in accordance with the principles and practices of the Church of England."

Our Christian Values are reached through daily school life but supported strongly by Collective Worship:

*We value our close links with the church, to encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of Christian Faith*

*We value every child, inspiring them to achieve their fullest potential by challenging their ideas and seeking out their aspirations*

*We value our strong community links which we continue to develop, maintain and improve*

*We value the strong pastoral ethos of a small school*

*We value the contribution of our parents and the wider community, whilst recognising the crucial part that they play in the school*

*We value our staff, supporting them through continuous professional development, leading to engaging, inspirational and outstanding teaching*

### Aims of Collective Worship

It is our aim at Bishopstone CE Primary School that worship should:

- Strengthen and support the school community and celebrate each unique member made in the image of God.
- Express, reaffirm and practise our values of Courage, Friendship, Respect, Trust and Compassion.
- Be inclusive and respect the values and beliefs of all children.
- Help children explore and develop their own spirituality and beliefs, through reflection and stillness, celebration and praise, listening and empathy.
- To provide the children with opportunities to reflect.
- To develop children to lead an act of prayer for the school/wider community.

### Leadership, Planning and Evaluation of Collective Worship

The calendar for Collective Worship draws on the Church year, the school values and the programme for Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning. The lead for Collective Worship is taken by all staff, with timetables drawn up by the Head Teacher and Vicar.

Collective Worship will be treated like any other part of the curriculum when it comes to matters of planning, delivery, resourcing and evaluation. All those leading collective worship are asked to plan their act of worship in as much detail as they would any other learning activity. (Appendix 1) Resources for collective worship are kept in the Head Teachers room.

The school allocates a budget for development of these resources. Staff are given appropriate training and mentoring to equip them in their roles as worship leaders.

All pupils attend an Act of Collective Worship each day. These are organised on a rota and include whole school, key stage based and class-based worship.

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A record is kept of all Acts of Collective Worship. The Worship Coordinator is responsible for keeping this record and will also complete and keep records for monitoring and evaluation. (Appendix 2, 3 and 4)

The school serves the parish of Bishopstone, Swindon. The local Vicar is involved in leading acts of collective worship in school (Wednesday morning). The school also holds acts of collective worship in the church during the school year. When visitors are invited to contribute to Collective Worship, they are expected to keep to the school's policy for Collective Worship.

Collective worship will be monitored by the Foundation Governor.

## **Timetable of Collective Worship at Bishopstone CE**

Monday – Reflect on a 'Big Question' which links directly to the terms Christian Value – led by the Head Teacher – whole school

Tuesday – Christian Value supported by 'Roots and Fruits' – staff led (rota) – whole school

Wednesday – Hymn Singing – focus on upcoming Church celebrations and songs linked to current value – led by Music Leader – whole school

Thursday – Class reflection – split in two classes

Friday – Celebrating achievement – led by all staff – whole school

Find attached an example of Collective Worship Planning that is complete

## **Right of Withdrawal**

At Bishopstone CE Primary School we seek to be an inclusive community. However, we respect the right of parents/carers to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. We expect that withdrawal will only be made following discussion with the Headteacher, followed by written confirmation of withdrawal. This right is communicated to parents/carers at the start of year parents meeting.

The school has a system of suitable supervision for students withdrawn from Collective Worship. However, no additional work is set or followed in this time.

As a Church of England school, all members of staff are required and expected to attend and/or lead acts of Collective Worship held for pupils within the school and at the local church.

## **Review**

The Collective Worship Policy will be reviewed every two years.

Policy approved by **Gill May**

Designation **Chair of Governors**

Signed *Gill May*

Date.....September 2017

Review.....September 2019

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