



Policy for Collective Worship – September 2016

This worship policy has been designed with our school population in mind. It is written in accordance with Bradford SACRE's and Bradford Council guidance for collective worship.

Policy Statements

This worship policy:

- a) reflects the law (e.g. the requirements of the 1988 Education Act) and
- b) strengthens the community ethos of the school.

Collective worship will take place daily and will be planned so as to be appropriate to all pupils of any religion or none, to enable them to be present and take part as appropriate. Collective worship is an opportunity for pupils to celebrate their own achievements, those of the school and the community.

All present should feel valued whatever their faith or personal beliefs.

Under no circumstances will pupils be asked to accept beliefs that are contrary to their family background.

- Acts of Collective Worship will take place at clearly designated times of day and will take place daily
- They will reflect the beliefs and backgrounds of individual pupils and encourage a voluntary response from pupils
- School worship should acknowledge and respect the responses of individual pupils and encourage a voluntary response from pupils
- School worship should acknowledge and respect the responses of individual pupils and provide opportunities for them to express their feelings such as delight at life, wonder, joy, rejoicing and sorrow
- Acts of worship will not assume a shared religious commitment
- They will encourage pupils to consider their own place in the community and what it means to be a citizen

The Legal Requirements: the Education Reform Act 1966

Parents may withdraw their children from Collective Worship on grounds of conscience, should they wish to do so, but we believe that Collective Worship is inclusive and beneficial for all pupils. Parents can contact the Principal to discuss any concerns

Content of Collective Worship

Collective Worship may include the following:

- Personal reflection and self expression
- Exploration of the values and beliefs which are reflected in society at large and held as important by members of different world religions e.g. a sense of awe at the natural world.
- Personal recognition of right and wrong (moral)

- The capacity to flourish as a human being (spiritual)

The content of Collective Worship will be designed to enhance the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of pupils, to provide opportunities for reflection, to celebrate the good, praise achievements and promote recognition of each pupil's own worth and potential.

- The school with full support of SACRE provide a weekly multifaith assembly which throughout the year will celebrate all faith groups in a positive and creative way. Throughout the week assemblies will all include an opportunity for pause, reflection.
- Child of the week
- Wow
- Singing
- SEAL/school council
- Good work

Arrangements for those children withdrawn from Collective Worship.

It is hoped that no child will have to be withdrawn from collective Worship, but where this is the case the appropriate arrangements for supervision will be made.

