



Bishops Down Primary and Nursery School

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Collective Worship Policy

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'Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow'

Introduction

This school policy should be read in conjunction with 'Gathering Together for Collective Worship' – Kent SACRE Guidance.

- All maintained schools provide a daily act of worship for registered pupils, apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents/carers; in accordance with the 'The Education Reform Act 1998'
- It is a daily focal point for the transmission and development of all that the school stands for in terms of beliefs, values, moral codes and community ethos.
- Worship may take place with different school groups: key stages, year groups, and classes.
- The themes of our worship reflect the moral, social and cultural development in RE as outlined in the Kent Agreed Syllabus.

The Nature of Worship

Acts of worship reflect something special or separate from ordinary school activities.

We aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature
- Consider moral issues
- Explore their own beliefs
- Participate and respond
- Develop a community spirit
- Reflect on what is going on in the world around them
- Share in the common ethos and values of the school
- Reinforce positive attitudes
- Reflect on the awe and wonder of life and the beauty of the natural world
- Develop an understanding of British values
- Be aided in spiritual, moral and cultural development

Implementation Procedures

- As part of a Christian faith community, worship is of a broadly Christian focus but also reflects the multi-faith society in which we live.
- Songs, including hymns, should be chosen with care, ensuring appropriate language and content.
- Moments of reflection must be in a language appropriate for the children and reflect the pluralist society in which we live.
- Pupils will be given a short time of reflection or 'stillness' at the end of each assembly.
- Acts of worship may be linked to celebrations of religious traditions and themes along with our school values and ethos.
- Pupils and adults are expected to leave and enter the place of assembly in a quiet reflective manner.
- Children that are withdrawn from collective worship by their parents will undertake activities that are based on our school values.