



Together we can make a difference

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Name of school: Bexton Primary School

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Committee: Curriculum

Rationale

It is the responsibility of the school to provide for all its pupils, collective worship in accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988 and the 1993 Education Act

Aims of Collective Worship

- To promote the religious, spiritual, moral, physical and mental well-being of all those in the school community
- To come together as a 'school family'
- To provide pupils with an overview of school life and the school life skills
- To provide opportunities to consider moral issues
- To consider and celebrate the achievements of individual pupils
- To worship God in contexts that are broadly 'Christian'
- To celebrate religious events
- To provide quiet opportunities for prayer and reflection

Principles of Collective Worship

- Pupils will worship, reflect or pray as a school, or in groups according to their age or class on a daily basis
- Collective worship may be held at any time of the school day
- All pupils will feel able to participate in most collective acts of worship
- Wherever possible pupils are encouraged to engage in active participation in assemblies, reading or writing reflections for whole school assemblies, musical performances that celebrate individual skills or talents, sharing of work that children are proud of

- Visitors in school are also invited to join in and parents are regularly invited to year group assemblies.
- Our religious education and collective acts of worship are enhanced by the surrounding rural agricultural landscape. The way we approach religious topics and assemblies are influenced by the need for environmental and ecological awareness in the (agricultural) neighbourhood .
- Assemblies should include religious/ moral guidance which are relevant, topical and age related
- Pupils may be withdrawn from collective worship on the request of their parents to the Headteacher
- Pupils who are withdrawn from collective worship will be supervised and have an alternative timetable
- Curates from St Johns Church and the local churches visit regularly to lead assemblies
- Visitors are regularly invited to assemblies in order to broaden pupils experiences
- School will celebrate Harvest, Christmas and Easter, as well as topical events
- The RE coordinator will keep records of collective worship using the assembly rotas
- Collective worship is overseen by the Head teacher and the RE coordinator
- Children's safety is considered at all times

Organisation of collective worship

- We conduct worship in a dignified and respectful way. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful during reflections or prayers and to listen carefully to the content of assemblies. Children are encouraged to participate fully in reflections, prayers and songs. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music, pictures or other objects that act as a focal point for the attention of the children.
- Our worship reflects the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in worship by showing their work to the other children and raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Bexton Primary School is a successful school and we shall celebrate the successes of all the children in worship.
- Whole school assemblies are led by the Headteacher or deputy. Key stage assemblies are led by the key stage managers or teachers in that key stage.

The content of the assemblies is planned by the assemblies coordinator and links to the RE scheme of work and the PSHE scheme of work. Some assemblies will respond to events in the news. These assemblies will be planned so that they are age-appropriate.

Skills

Through collective worship pupils will be given the opportunity to;

- Reflect upon their own and others experiences
- Find out more about themselves
- Learn about the local, global and national issues
- Consider the beliefs of others and how they influence people
- Explore prayer
- Respond to stories and music
- Praise God
- Develop a caring attitude towards themselves and others

Conclusion

Collective acts of worship at Bexton will encourage pupils to develop a caring, spiritual attitude towards themselves, others and the local, national and global environment.

All Governors are invited to attend all our assemblies.