BROAD HINTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

'A Love of Learning for a Lifetime of Opportunities'

**'At Broad Hinton School we are proud of our educational heritage, which is rooted historically in Christian Belief.
We aim to provide opportunities for all to learn and achieve within a happy, structured and disciplined Christian environment.
We welcome everyone to our village school where all faiths, cultures and abilities are received with love, care and respect.'**

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Introduction:

Broad Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School welcomes their responsibility to ensure that our worship is consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England as stated in the Trust Deed of the school.

Worship is therefore an important part of the school day as it gives us the opportunity to come together as a school community to focus and reflect on the human spirit and explore the Christian faith. It is regularly attended by all students, teaching staff, and any visitors in school are very welcome to join in. Daily worship will take place in the school unless we are worshipping in Church and it will provide the opportunity for children to discover, enjoy and experience spiritual aspects of life, through music, story, action, silent reflection and prayer. It also provides opportunities for our student's moral, social and cultural development.

This policy has been developed as a result of a series of staff meetings, consultation with the governors focusing on our provision of Collective Worship throughout the school. It should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

Teaching and Learning,
Ethos, Behaviour and Discipline,
Assessment and Record Keeping/Assessment for Learning
Religious Education
Anti-bullying,
Drug and Drug Incident
Sex and Relationship Education
Health and Safety,
Child Protection and all relevant policies
Safeguarding
SEND and More Able
Single Equalities
Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion audit.

Key roles:

Collective Worship co-ordinator: Mrs E Floyd
Collective Worship Governor: in interregnum at present
Headteacher: Mrs E Floyd

Aims:

Collective worship at Broad Hinton Primary School will:

- Contribute to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of each child.

- Support the social and emotional development of our pupils.
- Give expression to and reaffirm and practise the values of the school community.
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- Allow reflection and response to the fundamental questions of life and those things that are of eternal concern and value to human beings.
- Foster and enable a concern for the needs of others, a recognition of the vulnerability of self and of others.
- To promote understanding and feelings of awe, wonder, love and compassion towards the world and other people,
- To provide opportunities for pupil involvement,
- Celebrate and give thanks for the achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals,
- To help students to begin to understand the nature and purpose of worship.
- Provide a foundation for a mature understanding and practice of worship in the future.

For our school community we offer the opportunity to:

- Praise and reach out to God.
- Experience stillness and quiet,
- Respond to Christian language and symbolism,
- Experience a variety of forms of prayer. These might include praise, seeking forgiveness, asking on behalf of self and others or quiet reflection.

Legal Status of Collective Worship

The 1988 Education Reform Act requires that 'all pupils in attendance at a maintained school shall on each day take part in an act of Collective Worship'. We seek to do our best to keep the spirit of this legislation seeking to provide as many high-quality acts of worship as is practically possible. To provide students with variety in their experience of worship acts of worship may take the form of a whole school act of worship for all pupils or separate acts of worship for students in different age groups or school groups. Collective Worship may be held at any time during the school day. The responsibility for arranging school worship in our school rests with the headteacher. All acts of worship are in accordance with the issued in circular 1/94 which states that worship should be of a 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character' and not distinctive of any particular Christian denomination. By broadly Christian in this school, we mean that:

Worship contains some elements that accord special status to Jesus, his teachings and actions.

Sharing with pupils the Christian belief that all Christians are called to continue Jesus' work of love and compassion for their fellow human beings through the exploration of key Christian concepts such as love, trust, forgiveness, mercy, humility, courage and integrity, respect of life, values of an individual, justice, co-operation and service, honesty and truthfulness.

Acts of Collective Worship at Broad Hinton Primary School consider the pupil's age, aptitudes and family backgrounds.

The school recognises that there is a difference between Acts of Collective Worship and the assembly of pupils. On some occasions assembly may proceed or follow and Act of Collective Worship. When this happens the transition from Assembly to worship will be marked in some suitable way eg: the lighting of a candle or reflecting on an image from the laptop, moment of silences and reflection.

Organisation and Approach

There will be a clearly defined format starting with the setting of the worship table and the lighting of a candle, with whole school response, and featuring a cross and worship theme. Liturgical cloths are available and may be used on the worship table in line with the church calendar. The usual format will include a hymn, a talk, a story or drama, a quiet time for reflection and prayers linked to the theme, concluding with the school prayer, Lord's Prayer or grace.

Collective worship will be for the whole school together and parents are welcome at any time. Also, prospective parents are invited to attend assembly and collective worship when viewing the school. Resource materials for collective worship are stored in the head's office. The act of worship is for approximately 20 minutes each day.

DAY	PERSON	TYPE OF WORSHIP
Monday	**Headteacher/vicar**	**Linked to rolling programme of themes**
Tuesday	**Senior teacher/class teacher**	**Picture news**
Wednesday	**Senior teacher/class teacher**	**Subject leader linked to school values**
Thursday	**Headteacher**	**Hymn practice/circle time**
Friday	**Pupils/headteacher**	**Celebration assembly**

Rights of withdrawal

At Broad Hinton School we seek to be an inclusive community, however we respect the right of parents to withdraw their children from collective worship. The school expects that withdrawal will only be made following parental discussion with the headteacher/worship subject leader followed by written confirmation of withdrawal. The school has a system of suitable supervision for students withdrawn from daily collective worship. However, no additional work is set or followed up by the teacher in this time but we would ask the parents to contribute to this time by setting their own time for reflection. All teachers, including the headteacher, have the right of withdrawal from the Act of Collective Worship, but the headteacher, should he/she wish exercise this right, maintains statutory accountability for the Acts of Collective Worship in Broad Hinton C of E Primary School. The right of withdrawal does not extend to class assemblies or assemblies.

Planning, recording and evaluation

Collective worship will be treated like any other part of the curriculum when it comes to matters of planning, delivery, resourcing, and evaluation. The content and methodology of this time should be varied and there should be evidence of this in planning (4-year rolling programme in appendix 1). Each term there is a theme and these are outlined in the monthly newsletters for parents/careers information. This pattern is flexible and on occasions it is recognized that worship leaders may feel that they need to respond to local or national events. Evaluation of the acts of worship will happen throughout the year with pupils.

At Broad Hinton School the Ex-officio has a role monitoring collective worship at the school. Resources for worship are kept in the headteacher's office (appendix 3)

Monitoring:

This policy will be formally reviewed each academic year. In the meantime it will be evaluated by stakeholders and the headteacher to whom any questions should be addressed.

April 2015
February 2016
April 2017
June 2019
September 2021
September 2022
September 2023
September 2024

Suggested themes for Collective Worship – appendix 1

Term	Year 1 Values for Life	Year 2 Root and Fruits	Year 3 Roots and Fruits 2	Year 4 Root and Fruits
1	Friendship Harvest (1-3 Autumn term book)	Generosity Celebrating Harvest	The words of Jesus Harvest (1-3 Autumn term book)	Thankfulness Celebrating Harvest
2	Courage Anti-Bullying week Christmas decorations (Autumn Term book)	Compassion Celebrating Christmas	Advent and Christmas Christmas decorations (Autumn Term book)	Trust Celebrating Advent
3	Forgiveness	Courage Celebrating Candlemas	People Jesus meets	Perseverance Celebrating Epiphany
4	Justice Easter (5-9 Spring Term book)	Forgiveness Celebrating Lent and Easter	Holy Week and Easter Easter (5-9 Spring Term book)	Justice Celebrating Lent and Easter
5	Creativity	Friendship Celebrating Pentecost	The Parables of Jesus	Service Celebrating Pentecost
6	Hope	Respect Celebrating Trinity	The Miracles of Jesus	Truthfulness Celebrating Trinity

Pause for Reflections and Values to Reflect are used to stimulate thought in our reflection area in the Link.

Altar cloths reflecting the colours of the church year cover our altars.

Spirituality and collective worship reflections are recorded by the children regularly in collective worship.

Included into themes for collective worship is:

- **Music**
- **Reflected time**
- **Prayer**
- **Multi-cultural stories and other religions**

The whole school plan and carry out celebrations of the main Christian festivals in the local church St Peter's in which all parents and carers as well as the local community are invited.