



Basildon CE Primary

Collective Worship

Autumn 2018

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1.0 Overview

We believe that Collective Worship is an important part of the school day at Basildon Primary School. In our times of worship we aim to include some of the following features:

- praise and prayer
- reflection
- celebration
- thanks
- forgiveness
- sharing

Specifically:

- Collective worship (including class worship) will reflect the spiritual development of the school being wholly of a Christian character – See Key Christian Texts Section 3.0
- Respect and understanding for different beliefs and faiths is encouraged.
- Collective Worship should be in language that pupils can understand.
- Involvement of pupils in acts of Collective Worship will be encouraged.
- Collective Worship takes place daily for all pupils. Parents have the right to withdraw their children if they so wish. Pupils who are withdrawn will be supervised on the premises by a member of staff.
- Collective Worship may be in whole school or in different groupings
- Collective Worship may be led by the Headteacher, or other members of staff, local Vicar (normally once a week), members of other Christian Churches and is non-denominational. Members of other faiths may be invited to contribute to acts of worship
- Parents will be invited to join other acts of Collective Worship within the school such as Sharing Assemblies and Services outside the school such as at St Stephen's Church.
- Collective Worship will be used to link in with other whole school themes

2.0 Additional points:

- a. At least 3 services a year (Christmas, Easter, end of Year) will be conducted outside the school at St-Stephens or other Basildon Benefice Church.
- b. When collective worship is conducted outside the school the format of the service will be determined by the Vicar in consultation with the collective worship coordinator and relevant class teacher.

The Collective Worship Coordinator together with the ex-officio foundation governor is responsible for reviewing both the themes and the resources and the records of these are available in school.

All members of staff are expected to attend collective worship as regularly as possible.

3.0 Key Christian Texts

Within a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School we should expect that our pupils become familiar with some of the great statements of Christian belief and worship especially the life and teachings of Jesus Christ including:

- The Lord's prayer
- Jesus' summary of the law, (Matthew 22:34-40)
- The ten commandments
- Some traditional hymns as well as more recent examples
- The Church Calendar, Festivals, Saints Days

4.0 Related Policies

- Spiritual Development
- Mission Statement
- School Ethos - Instrument of Government
- School Development Plan

