

Balcombe C E (C) School



Collective Worship Policy

Adopted by Governors: Mar 2010

Reviewed: Feb 2013
Jun 2016

Next Review: Jun 2019

Rationale

At Balcombe CE Primary School we believe it is important to meet daily together, as a community, to reinforce community values and to worship together. The character of the worship in the school is Christian. Multicultural aspects are covered across the curriculum. Collective Worship is coordinated by the head teacher and a variety of themes and activities are used to ensure a high quality experience for all children regardless of family background.

Legal Requirements

- All pupils should take part in a daily act of worship
- Parents have the right to withdraw their child from this act of worship
- Collective worship can be a single act of worship or can take place in different age groups or around the school grounds

School Commitment to Worship

- To provide an atmosphere of trust and to celebrate/build upon the values of the ethos of the school through joining together
- To provide opportunities to develop children's spirituality
- For adults and children to worship together
- To introduce the children to Christian worship in a meaningful and honest way
- Acts of worship should enable free response from all
- Worship at our school will reflect the Ecumenical nature of our community
 - The rector/member of the church will lead worship regularly
 - The school will gather in St Mary's church for worship at Harvest, Christmas and Easter
- During their time at school the children will deepen their understanding of Christian Worship within an Anglican framework in a variety of ways:
 - Using bible reading
 - Reflecting on Christian symbols
 - Use of prayers and hymns
 - Observing key points in the Christian year

Prayers

Prayers at Balcombe School will be carefully chosen/written and used sensitively. Children are encouraged to write their own prayers, which are shared with others during Collective Worship. Traditional Christian prayers will also be learned, namely The Lord's Prayer.

Organisation and Management

Monday – Led by Head Teacher

Tuesday – Led by Head Teacher, Reverend Burton or class assembly

Wednesday – Key Stage led by the teachers

Thursday – Hymn practice led by Early Years Teacher

Friday – Celebration assembly

Planning

A planned programme for Collective Worship has been devised. Daily acts of worship vary in content but usually consist of music to walk in and out to, a song, a reading or story and prayers (either silent or spoken). Time for reflection is an important part of our worship. A range of books and resources are available to support Collective Worship.

Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship. We request that they do this in writing and would encourage them to discuss this with the head teacher. Any children who are withdrawn from Collective Worship need to be supervised during this time.