

Stoke Bishop C of E VC Primary School

Policy Statement: Collective Worship

Rational

Collective Worship is central to the life of the school. There will be a daily act of collective worship which will be broadly Christian in nature and reflects British Values. It will be an opportunity for expressing and promoting the ethos and values of the school and will make a significant contribution to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils.

Purposes

1. To give pupils and staff the opportunity to worship God and respond to the worship offered.
2. To explore spiritual and moral issues, and explore the core values of the school which are rooted in the school ethos.
3. To explore Christian beliefs and celebrate major Christian festivals and World Faith Festivals.
4. To celebrate and give thanks for the achievements of the children and the school.
5. To promote British Values

Broad Guidelines

1. Collective Worship will satisfy legal requirements
2. It will offer opportunities for pupils and staff to be taken to the threshold of worshipping God.
3. There will be a time for reflection where pupils can meditate on the focus of the Collective Worship, and/or join in with the prayer if they choose to.
4. Collective Worship creates space for pupils to reflect on the larger questions of life.
5. Collective Worship will be educational in aim and varied in content, style and leadership.
6. Collective worship will offer opportunities for children to engage in their own spiritual understanding/encounters and development.
7. Pupils will contribute to the preparation and presentation of acts of worship.
8. Collective Worship will reflect and represent a broad spectrum of Christian belief and practice, drawing in particular on Church of England traditions.
9. Collective Worship will include a diversity of prayers, readings (including from the Bible), drama, poetry, stories, media and music.
10. When appropriate, Collective Worship will incorporate other main faiths.
11. Collective Worship will regularly be led by representatives from St. Mary's Church, other local churches and other agencies in the community.
12. Pupils should enter into the place of Collective Worship quietly.
13. All staff should have the opportunity to lead Collective Worship.
14. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship if they are not in agreement with broadly Christian Collective Worship.
15. The content of Collective Worship is monitored by the Subject Leader and evaluated by pupils and governors.

Conclusion

Collective Worship should be a time for participation and reflection. It should be inclusive and accessible for all who attend.

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Approved by The Personal Development Governors Committee

**SUMMARY OF STOKE BISHOP C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL PATTERN OF WORSHIP
AND VALUES OVERVIEW**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.20 – 1.40pm	Various times	9.20am	1.20 – 1.40pm	1.20 – 1.40pm
Whole School Assembly	Hub Assembly	St Mary’s Church visitor’s Assembly	Class Worship	Whole School Assembly
<i>Led by members of SLT – see rota on following page (Reception to join from beginning of T2)</i>	<i>Each Hub runs an assembly in the hall at a timetabled point in the day</i>	<i>A member of the church team will lead the assembly All class teachers should attend this.</i>	<i>Organised as appropriate for each class and led by children</i>	<i>Singing / Celebration on alternating weeks – see rota on following page</i>

TERM	SCHOOL VALUE	KEY BIBLE VERSE	VALUES FOR LIFE LINK
1	FAITH <i>BELIEVING IT'S POSSIBLE</i>	<i>Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1</i>	HOPE
2	FLOURISHING	<i>Wherever the river flows, life will flourish. Ezekiel 47:9</i>	
3	GRACE	<i>For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:9</i>	JUSTICE
4	INTEGRITY	<i>Our purpose is to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of others. 2 Corinthians 8:21</i>	
5	COURAGE	<i>Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9</i>	TRUTH
6	PASSION	<i>Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. Ecclesiastes 9:10</i>	