Collective Worship Policy

December 2025

1 Introduction

1.1 At Brington Church of England Primary School we believe that all pupils are of equal value regardless of their sex, race, ability, age, religion or background; they will have equal access to the resources and opportunities available

1.2 Brington School is a Church of England voluntary controlled school where the spiritual development of each child is of central importance. We, the teachers and governors of the school, believe that children should be taught a strong understanding of the Christian faith, but in the context of a multicultural society which also respects the beliefs of others.

2. Aims of the School and Policy

2.1 It is our aim to provide a daily collective act of worship which is educational in all its aspects. We wish to provide the best possible education for each child within the context of a caring Christian community.

2.2 Each act of worship will be carefully planned in line with overarching themes for each half term identified on the yearly operational planner. The collective worship will allow opportunities for teaching, participation and reflection.

2.3 Through the acts of worship we aim:

- To create a time in the day where everyone feels like a valuable member of the school community whatever their role within the school family is.
- To give time to celebrate and give thanks for the beauty of life and living.
- To encourage mutual respect, confidence, co-operation and self-esteem.
- To introduce children to Christian values and teachings from the bible.

- To give children practical experience of prayer and to promote the understanding of the nature of God or Gods.
- To encourage respect and opportunities for all children regardless of their sex, race, ability, age, religion or background.

2.4 Acts of worship organised in our school, will be mainly of a broadly Christian nature, reflecting the traditions of Christian belief and in accordance with the principles and practice of the Church of England but will reflect other faiths when appropriate.

2.5 The governors in consultation with the Headteacher are responsible for the collective acts of worship within our school.

3. Objectives.

3.1 Our acts of worship will

- teach children about the concept of God and readings from the bible.
- provide time to share ideas and experiences with others;
- give opportunities for the expression of hope, thankfulness, love and joy.
- develop awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of others.
- use a variety of different resources and artistic forms including art, dance, drama and stories.
- provide a time for quiet reflection or prayer.

4. Entitlement

4.1 All pupils will have equal access, as outlined in the school's Inclusion Statement.

4.2 In accordance with the law, parents have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship on religious grounds and a statement to this effect is included in the School Prospectus.

5. Implementation

5.1 A daily Act of Worship will take place in school in a variety of ways. These will include whole class acts of worship, and class acts of worship, usually in the following pattern:

Monday	Whole School (bible sharing)	2.50pm
Tuesday	Whole School (songs of praise)	2.50pm
Wednesday	Class or worship committee led reflection	2.50pm
Thursday	Whole School (faith today - story session)	2.50pm
Friday	Whole School (Celebration Worship)	2.30 p.m.

5.2 When pupils are unable to gather together as a school community an assembly meeting room in google classroom is used and classes join together remotely.

5.3 The staff share the leadership role during these services and in addition the school welcomes visitors including the reverend from the local parish.

5.4 In addition to these meetings in school there are services in the local church each term and on certain special occasions, parents and friends are invited to these special services.

5.5 Daily assemblies are opened by a grace and the lighting of a candle. This may be done in the hall or in classrooms. (For when assemblies are screened through google classrooms) Each assembly is closed by a prayer or time of reflection.

5.6 Spirituality, awe and wonder are developed through artefacts used as a focal point for collective worship e.g. candles, cross, flowers, pictures within a screen presentation.

5.7 Children will prepare for the acts of worship by entering the hall or classroom in a dignified silence, sitting quietly and listening to music, prior to the commencement of the worship. Specific worship roles will be carried out by the pupils on the Worship Committee.

5.8 Children will be taught techniques for reflection and prayer encouraging a pattern of recognising the opportunities to share personal thoughts. There will be times when prayer reflects the needs of our community, our country and the wider world. We will also offer the opportunity for personal prayer.

5.9 Children will be taught the Lord's prayer and our school prayer.

Dear Lord,
Help us to…Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
Amen.

6 Monitoring and reviewing.

6.1 The Headteacher will monitor the Policy for Collective Worship in line with the Monitoring and Evaluation Policy

6.2 The Headteacher will review this policy annually. Any suggested amendments will be discussed with the staff and will be presented to Governors when appropriate.