



Lincoln Bishop King CE Primary School

Dream big, Love God, Live well.

Collective Worship Policy

Next Review: September 2021

Bishop King Church CE Primary School is a Church of England Aided School. Consequently, the collective worship is Christian worship, based on the teaching of the Church of England, but also respecting the different Christian traditions. Although our worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values, we are committed to respecting others' faith and, where appropriate, make links to other world faiths.

Our School motto is 'Dream big. Love God. Live well' and in Collective Worship we do this by looking at the themes of Koinonia, Generosity, Hope, Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Truth, Compassion, Perseverance, Trust, Peace, Forgiveness. These values are embodied in the New Commandments that Jesus gave "Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13v34-35).

Aims and Purpose

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- To provide an opportunity both children and staff to worship God;
- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- To enable children to explore their own beliefs;
- To help children to develop a sense of community;
- To promote a common ethos with shared values;
- To provide children with opportunities to meet with representatives of local churches, faiths, caring organisations and professionals.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirements stated in the 1988 Education reform Act 6 (1) and 9, 10, which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of worship either as a whole school, class or group. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from the act of worship either partially or wholly by written request to the Headteacher.

Organisation

We aim to provide a variety of worship experiences for the children.

Our current schedule is as follows:

Monday: Whole school worship led by Headteacher (or another member of the Senior Management Team). Collective worship on Monday reflects the Church School theme of the term and a key question of the week.

Tuesday: Children have worship in the class.

Wednesday: Worship led by different visitors from local Churches.

Below are some of our regular visitors:

Rev'd Jim Prestwood (St Swithins)

Huw Duffield (Salvation Army)

Andy Housam / Helen Pennington (Joy Foundation)

Rowena Kirkby (TCM, Baptist)

Dave Wade (Bridge Church)

Thursday: Key Stage worship. KS1- 2.40-3pm, KS2 3pm-3.20pm

Friday: Whole school, usually led by collective worship lead, worship council or school council.
Class worship – each class takes a turn to lead the school in an act of worship once a year. Parents are invited to attend acts of worship which are led by their child's class.

Reception children join the main school for worship on a Monday and a Friday after October half term and this attendance with others increases throughout the school year.

The Peace Garden is also used as a place for class collective worship.

Special services.

During each term a number of special services are held to mark Key Church festivals or other special days:

Autumn Term

Harvest Festival.

Whole School Remembrance in the Hall.

Christmas Carol Concert in the School Hall.

Christingle service in the School Hall.

Spring Term

Holocaust Remembrance Day – Prayers around the peace tree. (UKS2)

Bishop King Day – Celebrate on 8th March (or nearest possible date)

Easter Week – class led celebrations re-enacting the Easter story.

Summer Term

Ascension – Whole School in Hall.

Pentecost – Whole School Mass in Hall.

Trinity - Whole School in Hall.

Year Six Leavers – Led by the Year 6 children

Family services

Termly the children are invited to a holiday club and family service at local city churches.

COVID 19

During COVID 19 restrictions, all collective worship is in classrooms following the adapted schedule below:

Monday and Tuesday: Focus on the bible story for the week. Children listen and discuss the music from a composer of the week.

Wednesday: Virtual visitor worship

Thursday: Reflecting on the church school value and British Value for the term

Friday: Celebration worship

Children sing one hymn/ song during collective worship at the end of the school day in line with our COVID 19 risk assessment. They listen to worship songs and perform actions to the words when and as appropriate.

Resources and Reflective areas

In the Hall an altar is used as a focal point for worship. Children bring down a cross, candle and mediation bowl at the start of worship. They greet the school with the following responses:

May the Lord be with you (and also with you)

Lift up your heart to the Lord (we lift them to the Lord)

Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit (Amen)

Followed by a greeting linked to the trinity and the church school value of the term.

Cloths are used to cover the table, which are the appropriate colour for the time of year in the Church's calendar.

Each class has a reflection corner, which contains a cross, bible, candle, a copy of the school vision statement and prayers. This area also contains the Church School values and other items to encourage prayer and reflection.

Prayer at other times

Prayer to start the day, lunchtime and home time takes place in classrooms.

Staff briefing on a Wednesday and ends with a prayer.