

Bishop Wilson C.E. Primary School

Collective Worship Policy 2022



BISHOP WILSON

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Mrs Selina Timmins (Chairman)

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**“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”**

1 Peter 4:10

The school’s vision is one of Christian service: each of us using our skills and talents to support and serve one another. We extend this service to all, whatever their backgrounds or beliefs; both within the school itself, and the wider community. All are welcomed wholeheartedly into our school family and are nurtured and supported by our harmonious school community. Friendship is a blessing extended to each and every one, as we develop as a community where God’s love, compassion and forgiveness inform our daily lives. We believe that God will guide us all with hope, compassion and wisdom in becoming successful members of a global community.

Collective Worship at Bishop Wilson

Bishop Wilson is a Church of England primary school where every child is welcomed, valued and loved. The school’s purpose is to serve the community of Chelmsley Wood by providing each child with the education they need to flourish and each family the support they need to thrive. We aim to teach children to look beyond themselves and to serve each other with love. We share this message through our daily act of Collective Worship, using it to bring the Bishop Wilson family together in strengthening the understanding of the values and ethos of the school. This worship is a central part of our school life and fulfils the statutory requirements common to all schools according to the 1988 Education reform act (and consolidated in the 1996 Education Act).

As a Church of England school, Collective Worship is Christian and reflects Anglican traditions and practices. The majority of the community that we serve is not Christian, and we seek to ensure that our worship is inclusive to those of all faiths and none. Our aim is that our worship gives all children the opportunity, without compulsion, to grow in their own faith, whatever that might be, through experiences of prayers, stillness, worship and reflection.

At Bishop Wilson, we aim to invite our pupils, staff, governors, parents and visitors to come together to engage in an act of worship which is rooted in the Christian faith and to develop learners’ understanding of Anglican traditions and practices.

In doing so we aim to:

- Take the time to understand that Christians can worship in different ways and through different mediums. Know that the Christian faith is rooted in the teachings of Jesus and the Bible and have an understanding of how these teachings are relevant in our lives.
- Teach people to look beyond themselves and to use their gifts to serve others with love in line with the school’s vision (1 Peter 4: 10).
- Teach people to interact with one another positively, expressing the characteristics defined in the Bible as the “Fruits of the Spirit”: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and

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self-control (Galatians 5: 22-23).

- Give individuals the space to reflect on their own faith, their values and the choices they make in life. To consider how their actions impact others, how to live well and to take time to deepen their spiritual awareness.
- Spend time appreciating how relevant faith is in today's world. To use this to respond to issues in school, concerns that are close to the community and make sense of national events which impact on people's lives.
- Come together to celebrate. Harvest, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost as well as key Saints' days are celebrated in school. We also acknowledge key celebrations in other religions which are important to the families in our school community. We come together to celebrate our children's achievements and successes.

Collective Worship Timetable

Each day, the children take part in a daily act of worship. Over the course of the week this includes:

Monday:

Lower school (Reception to Year2) Collective worship led by a staff member.

Upper school (Year 3 to Year 6) Collective Worship led by a member of the clergy.

Tuesday:

Upper school Collective worship led by a staff member.

Lower school Collective Worship led by a member of the clergy.

Wednesday:

Lower school class based Collective Worship lead by the class teacher.

Upper school Celebration Collective Worship with parents/carers attending. Children are celebrated, amongst other things, for demonstrating the Fruits of the Spirit.

Thursday:

Upper school class based Collective Worship lead by the class teacher.

Lower school Celebration Collective Worship with parents/carers attending. Children are celebrated, amongst other things, for demonstrating the Fruits of the Spirit.

Friday:

Whole school (Reception to Year6) singing Collective Worship or class-led Collective Worship with parents/carers attending.

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Collective Worship Structure & Content

Collective Worship begins with welcome, usually led by members of the Collective Worship Committee:

“My name is X, good morning Bishop Wilson”

Those present respond:

“Good morning X, good morning everyone”

The lead then says:

“Today’s Collective Worship will be led by Y. Peace be with you.”

Those present respond:

“And also with you.”

The member of staff of clergy will then light a candle on the worship table whilst saying that this is to remind us that God is with us.

The content of the Collective Worship will link to the current value which is purposeful and relevant to children’s lives. There should be a clear reference to scripture. This may be explored in more depth through a bible story, a link to a story from another faith, a factual life story or a moralistic story. Whoever is leading the session will decide the best way to communicate their message, which could include an activity or question which requires participation and contributions: through discussion, questions, role play, voting, actions etc.

The message will conclude with a time of reflection and a prayer.

There will then be singing, which links to the theme where possible.

Led by a member of the Collective Worship Committee, children are sent out with the phrase:

“God is good...”

Those present respond:

“...all the time.”

The lead then says:

“All the time...”

Those present respond:

“...God is good.”

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Collective Worship Management

The governors hold overall responsibility for ensuring that the legal requirements for worship are met, but the Head Teacher has the statutory accountability for ensuring that collective worship takes place. The RE subject leader has specific responsibility for Collective Worship in our school with support and guidance from SLT. We liaise with St Andrew's Church in the planning, monitoring and evaluating of collective worship.

Evaluating Collective Worship

- We recognise the importance of monitoring, reviewing and implementing subsequent changes to our Collective Worship provision in order to give our school community a meaningful and relevant worship time.
- We use a range of strategies to evaluate:
- Observation of engagement levels within a Collective worship
- Feedback from pupils
- Level of participation in follow up activities
- Children's general behaviour in and out of school, evidence of values being lived out
- Feedback from Governors following observations of Collective Worship
- Feedback from organisations or individuals who have visited or led worship
- Comments from parents via questionnaires, our Facebook page, informal discussions after worships

Right of Withdrawal from Collective Worship

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. We hope that by keeping parents updated with our approach and that they have the opportunity to contribute to this policy that parents are comfortable for their child to take part in our worship. However, if a parent wishes to consider this option, the Head Teacher should be approached.