

Hope Brook Church of England Primary School



Worship Policy

The staff and governors are committed to the development of each child in a positive, healthy and respectful learning environment to encourage all children to achieve their fullest potential.

We want all the children and adults to achieve success through their own efforts, teamwork, self-discipline and motivation; and through links with the Church, the local community and the global community, work towards a better future for themselves and the world in which they live.

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Collective Worship Policy

1. Aims

The aims of collective worship are to:

- Provide an opportunity for the pupils to worship God
- Enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues
- Enable children to explore their beliefs
- Encourage participation and response
- Develop in children a sense of belonging to a community
- Promote a common ethos with shared values
- Reinforce positive attitudes

2. Collective Worship

2.1 Collective worship involves all the pupils coming together to share an assembly

2.2 The majority of acts of worship in our school are Christian, but we also hold assemblies that celebrate the richness of other cultures and religious traditions

2.3 The daily act of worship takes the following format:

Day	Delivered by
Monday	Headteacher
Tuesday	Headteacher
Wednesday	Open the Book – Church representatives
Thursday	Class led assembly – rotation of classes
Friday	Celebration assembly – Headteacher

2.4 The Act of Worship is based around:

- The Christian Values identified in the 'Values for Life' materials
- Special events in the Christian calendar
- Current local, national and international issues
- Celebration of the pupils achievements

2.5 We regard the act of worship as a special time for calm reflection. We create an appropriate atmosphere using music, and use candles and other objects on a table to act as a focal point for the attention of pupils

2.6 Celebration assemblies offer an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. During celebration assemblies, we use a special candle holder which holds 3 candles. A child lights the candles reciting the

following:

‘We light these candles in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit.’

- 2.7 At specific times of the year, celebrations are held at All Saints Church. Parents, friends and governors share in these services, held at Harvest, Easter and Christmas. The local church community also participates in services held at the school, particularly the Remembrance and Leavers services.

3. Resources

Resources are updated when required. We use a range of materials to support planning for worship, including ‘Values for Life’, ‘Out of the Box Worship’, ‘Home School Values’ and ‘Pause for Reflection’. ICT is integrated into many acts of worship.

4. Values

The core value at Hope Brook is ‘Respect’

Alongside ‘respect’ the children identified the most important values as:

friendship, truth, peace, perseverance, trust, hope

The 18 values from the ‘Values for Life’ material are used over a 3 year cycle:

Y1 – courage, creativity, forgiveness, justice, peace, trust

Y2 – compassion, friendship, hope, humility, thankfulness, truthfulness

Y3 – generosity, perseverance, respect, responsibility, service, wisdom

5. Right of withdrawal

Any parent may request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the pupil during this time. This complies with the 1988 Education Reform Act.

6. Review and Monitoring

The Headteacher and named school governor are responsible for monitoring the policy and practice of collective worship. The policy will be promoted and implemented by all members of the school. The school will review this policy regularly to assess its implementation and effectiveness.

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Date of policy: March 2016

Date of review: March 2021

This policy was formulated in consultation with the Headteacher and teaching staff.

This policy was accepted by the Governing Body at their meeting on Wednesday 9th March 2016, and will be reviewed in 5 years.

Signed

Chair of Governors

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Headteacher