



BRETHERTON ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Collective Worship

“Walking in the footsteps of Jesus with our Christian family, we learn, grow, achieve and flourish together in God’s love.”

This policy is for Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School and The Hub, Bretherton Endowed Out of School Provision.

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School is a Church of England primary school within the Diocese of Blackburn

Aims

Collective Worship and Assembly are different and distinct. Collective Worship occurs daily, placing the day into God’s hands, and sustaining the children and staff spiritually. Assembly celebrates/rewards achievements, and notices are given out. The whole School meets together each day, but worship and prayer are not limited to daily acts of worship. Opportunity is taken to pray and reflect collectively throughout the day, especially before lunch and at the end of the afternoon session. Each class has an interactive reflection table in their classroom which reflects their current RE theme.

Collective Worship should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship, and grow in the knowledge and love of God;
- consider spiritual, moral and social matters;
- consider and explore their own beliefs;
- participate and respond especially in prayer;
- develop a loving community spirit, promoting a common ethos of shared Christian values and reinforcing positive attitudes.

Our daily act of Collective Worship is within an Anglican ethos and tradition as set out in the School’s Trust Deed. It carries a broadly Anglican message, in accordance with our Mission Statement and conforms to Blackburn Diocesan Policy. It usually takes place in the School Hall in an environment which encourages worship, prayer and reflection.

Care is taken to provide:

- a suitable focal point, visual or musical, which emphasises that it is time for worship;
- a candle (usually three) which is lit prior to worship and extinguished after the closing prayers.
- music which is played before and after worship.
- where possible an appropriate powerpoint/ story or prepared by staff or pupils.

Music is an important part of our worship of God and we strive for excellence in our communal hymn-singing, recognising our need to give of our best to God.

A two year rolling programme of worship has been established by the Headteacher. The programme is based on Christian values, which have been chosen by staff, governors, pupils and parents/carers. They focus hope, friendship, compassion, thankfulness, respect, truthfulness, courage and humility. The half-termly School Value is shared with parents/carers in our Newsletter. At our weekly Achievement Assembly a special Headteacher Award is given to a pupil who, in the judgement of staff has demonstrated one of the School's values. We also celebrate talents and skills gifted from God.

Worship is led by members of staff, the Reverend Tracy, Pastor Anna, Brian Whaite, Janet Maggs and other visitors promoting the Christian Gospel teachings and members of the Pupils' Ethos Group. Every Year, all classes lead an act of worship in school and we hold significant worships linked to key Christian festivals to which parents/carers are invited. The School also meets in St. John The Baptist Church and Bretherton's Congregational Church to celebrate major Christian festivals and parents/carers and Church members are encouraged to join us. We invite and welcome Bishop Phillip and other key Diocese members to lead worship each year.

Worship is regularly reviewed and evaluated by the Headteacher, governors, parents, staff, visitors and more regularly by pupils.

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship, after discussion with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors.

Adopted by the Governing Body of Bretherton Endowed

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All aspects of our policy intends to comply within the Data Protection (GDPR) legislation.



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