

BUSBRIDGE INFANT SCHOOL

*The Continual Pursuit of Excellence*



# Collective Worship Policy

REVIEW: ANNUALLY

LAST REVIEW DATE: 2022

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## Statutory Duty of School

It is the practice of Busbridge Infant School to hold an act of worship every day, whether in assembly or in individual class or year groups.

Collective worship is mainly Christian in nature as laid down by the 1988 Education Act.

## Intent

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered.

## Implementation

An Act of Worship will usually be held in the daily assembly. It may also take place in each class, or in year groups.

Daily assemblies may take a different format each day. They will probably include singing together, celebrating success, listening to stories (reflecting upon their meaning and our response to them) and sharing a reflective time together.

Representatives from the local Busbridge Churches are invited to take assemblies throughout the year and do so regularly, typically fortnightly

The Collective Worship may be held in St John's Busbridge to celebrate Christian Festivals throughout the year (Harvest, Christmas and Easter).

There are opportunities during these assemblies to make children aware that there are other Beliefs and that we all live in a world where we learn to understand and appreciate each other's differences.

Festivals – Parents with knowledge of different faiths are invited to join us for celebration of festivals. Children may learn about customs including special food and look at religious artefacts.

Children can be withdrawn from Collective Worship by their parents for various reasons after discussion with the Head Teacher.

## Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy biennially and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.