



Belmont CP School

Collective Worship Policy

Introduction

Collective worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school, come together to engage in meaningful experiences that support pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development.

At Belmont CP School, collective worship takes place within assemblies, which may include additional elements beyond those required for collective worship.

Collective worship contributes to pupils' personal development and supports the school's safeguarding ethos by promoting reflection, wellbeing, respect and understanding.

Legal Requirements

In accordance with the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998, the school provides a daily act of collective worship for all pupils.

Collective worship is:

- Wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character
- Appropriate to the ages, backgrounds and abilities of pupils
- Inclusive and respectful of all faiths and beliefs

Aims

Collective worship aims to provide opportunities for pupils to:

- Reflect on Christian values and their own beliefs
- Develop a sense of community and shared values
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Explore themes such as respect, responsibility and tolerance
- Engage thoughtfully in a calm and reflective environment

Implementation

Collective worship may take place:

- As whole school assemblies
- In phase or class groups
- Through special events, celebrations or visitors

Collective worship will:

- Be inclusive and respectful of all members of the school community
- Provide opportunities for reflection and participation
- Include a variety of approaches (e.g. stories, discussion, music, prayer/reflection)
- Be delivered in a calm and purposeful manner

Pupils are encouraged to participate respectfully and reflect thoughtfully during collective worship.

Inclusion and Respect

Assemblies are planned and delivered in a way that is sensitive to the faiths and beliefs of all pupils and staff.

We recognise and respect diversity within our school community and ensure that collective worship:

- Promotes inclusion
- Encourages respect for different beliefs
- Supports understanding of a range of perspectives

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. The school will comply with such requests and will ensure appropriate supervision is provided.

British Values and Equality

Collective worship supports the promotion of fundamental British values, including:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Through assemblies and wider curriculum opportunities, pupils develop:

- an understanding of diversity and equality
- respect for others
- awareness of protected characteristics
- the ability to challenge discrimination

Pupil Involvement

Pupils are given opportunities to:

- contribute to assemblies
- share ideas and reflections
- participate in pupil-led worship where appropriate

Pupil voice is used to help shape and improve collective worship.

Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher is responsible for arranging daily collective worship and ensuring it meets statutory requirements.

The effectiveness of collective worship is monitored through:

- staff feedback
- pupil voice
- observation of assemblies

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains effective and up to date.

Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship. Requests should be made to the Headteacher.

The school will:

- respect parental wishes
- discuss practical arrangements where necessary
- ensure appropriate supervision for withdrawn pupils

Ratified by governors at their meeting on	06 May 2026
Signed	
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