

## Collective Worship Appendix 1



### Barby Church of England Primary School

#### Collective Worship Policy

##### Our Vision

**“Mighty Oaks from Tiny Acorns Grow”.**

We inspire children to reach their full potential as they journey through life; stimulating a thirst for knowledge, building confidence and resilience, and embracing Christian values.

##### ***To achieve this, we aim:***

- To provide a high quality, inclusive teaching and learning experience that enables children to achieve to the best of their ability.
- To provide a nurturing environment which allows the freedom for mistakes, providing opportunities to learn from them in order to build confidence and resilience.
- To live our Christian values across the school enabling children to grow and develop an understanding of life within a multi-cultural society.

##### Our Values

**Compassion** - empathy, tolerance, forgiveness, humility, kindness and care.

**Courage** - confidence, perseverance, resilience, endurance, courageous advocacy, truth and honesty.

**Fellowship** - friendship, community, koinonia, belonging, respect, inclusion and partnership.

**Wisdom** - making wise choices, self-control, tolerance and a love of learning.

**Thankfulness** - gratitude, awe and wonder, joy, generosity.

##### **Aims for Collective Worship**

In addition to the aims already stated, at Barby Church of England Primary School, Collective Worship is at the heart of our life and work. We provide an opportunity for pupils and staff to worship in both contemporary and traditional Christian styles, consistent with the beliefs and practices of the Church of England.

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### Practicalities of Organisation

Our daily act of Collective Worship forms part of each morning assembly. The format for these is agreed annually and an example is in Appendix 2. A termly schedule is produced, illustrating the themes covered in Collective Worship

We conduct Collective Worship in a dignified and respectful way. We tell pupils that worship time is dedicated thinking time for calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect them to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully to the teaching. We invite them to participate in prayer and songs. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and a cross and candles representing the Holy Trinity; these act as a focal point for the attention of the pupils.

The Headteacher, Deputy Head and other members of staff lead Collective Worship. Representatives from St Mary's Church Barby lead and contribute to our weekly worship as well as our Church services throughout the year.

Services led by our pupils for Harvest, Christingle, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter are held in collaboration with the Church each year. Parents, friends and members of the community are invited to join our worship at these special times of year.

These acts of collective worship bring greater variety to our worship times and strengthen links between the school and the local church. Parents and carers are invited to Friday collective worship where children's achievements are celebrated; and to our special services, e.g. at Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year. This promotes the community spirit of the school. We welcome governors' attendance at our Collective Worship at any time.

For our whole school worship on Mondays, we use learn, reflect and respond as a format for us to follow. This is visually represented through the use of windows, mirrors and doors. The symbol of the window enables us to think about our new learning or thinking, the mirror encourages us to take the opportunity to reflect on what that means for us and the door encourages pupils to consider how their new learning can be used in our lives moving forward.

Other opportunities for prayer and reflection are given at lunchtimes and in classes at the end of each academy day. Prayer spaces are available in all classrooms, places where children can quietly reflect, access Bible stories and prayer books. Themed prayer spaces are set up around the school, prompting children to reflect and create prayers based on different themes both personal and on a global scale.

### Content

A termly plan of all acts of worship records themes covered, stories used and choices of songs. Each Friday, we also hold Collective Worship called 'Praise'; this focuses on the achievements and learning of the pupils. We encourage the pupils to participate in Collective Worship by showing their work to others and sharing issues that they have discussed in their classes. Collective Worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward pupils for their achievements both in and out of the

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Academy. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the Academy, which is that all pupils are valued and all achievements recognised.

### Resources

*Eg The Lion Storyteller Bible and The Lion Bible for Children are used as the regular source of Bible material to share with pupils. The "Values for Life" folder from Jumping Fish is also used as source material. The 12 Baskets (a Teachers' Dozen) books are used by teachers to match the SEAL themes to the Academy's values. All are kept centrally in the staff resource area. Song words and PowerPoints are kept electronically on the staff drive.*

Useful websites to be used include:

[www.worshipworkshop.co.uk](http://www.worshipworkshop.co.uk)

[www.barnabasinschools.org.uk](http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk)

[www.imaginor.co.uk](http://www.imaginor.co.uk)

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#### Barby Collective Worship Structure Template



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Leader: Welcome to our Collective Worship.  
 Everyone: Good morning Everyone.  
 Leader: May the lord be with you  
 Everyone: And also with you  
 Ambassadors: We light our candles to remind us of...  
 Everyone: The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.  
 Ambassadors: We have come together to think about THANKFULNESS.  
 Everyone: Help us to Learn, Reflect and Respond.

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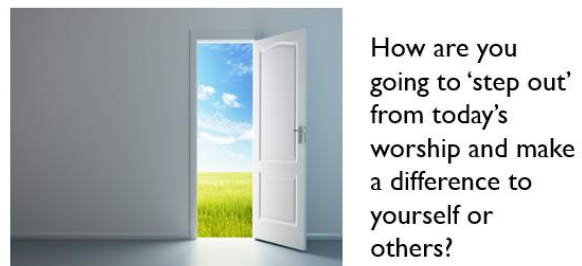
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How are we reflecting on what we have learnt?



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How are you going to respond?



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An invitation to pray or time  
for quiet reflection



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## School Closing

Adult:

As we go out into our day ...

Everyone:

...let us show our values and share them with others...

Adult:

... and let God's love shine in all that we do.



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