



BFHA Collective Worship Policy

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Introduction – The Collective Worship Policy

The Collective Worship Policy the Collective Worship Policy at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy pays due regard to statutory requirements and has taken account of the guidance offered by the Local Authority (LA) through its Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

Definition of Collective Worship

Definition of Collective Worship Collective Worship is a time when the whole school, or groups within the school meet together in order to consider and reflect on common concerns, issues and interests. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. At our school, assemblies celebrate our school values and are diverse in nature, celebrating both Christian values along with the mixture of faiths and cultures within the school.

Aims of Collective Worship

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy, and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- celebrate achievement and special times
- explore together the world in which we live
- develop a community spirit

For the children, we also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the child as a 'whole' by providing opportunities to:

- worship that which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- develop their own spirituality
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human

The aims of collective worship at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy therefore are:

- To provide children with the opportunity to experience worship
- To provide children with the opportunity to explore their own beliefs
- To provide children with the opportunity to understand other beliefs
- To enable children to reflect on spiritual and moral issues.
- To promote a common ethos across school

The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy, Collective Worship will, at times, feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance

the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes and will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives. The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy which informs our practice. To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it should address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond'.

The Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship will usually take place in the school hall. Acts of worship will usually last for approximately 20 minutes, although it is recognised that this time will be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate. Leadership Collective Worship will usually be led by the Head teacher and/or Deputy Head teacher. During the year teachers and visitors will also be involved in leading acts of worship.

At Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy, we hold daily acts of worship across school, and this may take on different forms including: whole school assemblies, class assemblies, singing, stories or reflection time in the classroom. Our whole school assemblies are often focused around or key values or any upcoming celebrations. Alongside this, our weekly assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of our children.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

The content of all acts of Collective Worship will be considered carefully, to ensure relevance and suitability for the ages, aptitudes and backgrounds of all pupils. Planning includes different themes, special occasions and events, but will be flexible to allow the inclusion of current and topical issues. Planning will ensure that there is continuity and progression and enable the monitoring and evaluation of acts of worship to take place.

Withdrawal

At Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy we expect all children to attend assembly. However, any parent/carer who objects to their child attending an act or acts of Collective Worship may request that their child is withdrawn. Parents/carers are encouraged to discuss this with the Head teacher. Any pupil who is withdrawn from an act or acts of Collective Worship will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

Agreed by the Governing Body:

Signed: Chair of Governors.

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