

Blackrod Primary School

Collective Worship



Our curriculum is 'Built for Blackrod', designed with our children, parents, staff and community in mind; enabling our children develop the skills, attitudes and knowledge to prepare them for life within and beyond school.

This policy underpins our curriculum vision, design and values.

Blackrod Primary School 'A Joy in Learning and Life'

Intent

Through a broad and balanced bespoke curriculum our children develop the skills, attitudes and knowledge to prepare them for life within and beyond school.

The Collective Worship Policy at Blackrod Primary School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the LA through its SACRE 2020

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'

The Collective Worship Policy of Blackrod Primary School is consonant with the philosophy and aims of the school as expressed in the school values and ethos. Assemblies are conducted in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faiths and beliefs of all members of the school.

Aims of Collective Worship

It is a time when the school community can:

- share common aims and values
- share and develop an understanding of the Blackrod School Values:

Bravery, Love, Aspiration, Creativity, Knowledge, Respect, Optimism, Determination

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

Implementation

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 reflect through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, at Blackrod Primary School, 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. At times, Collective Worship will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

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.

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 will address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level

The Organisation of Collective Worship Collective Worship is organised to provide a variety of groupings and will take place in the school hall or the classroom. Acts of worship will usually last for approximately 15/20 minutes, although it is recognized that this time will be shortened or lengthened when it is appropriate. Collective acts of worship are incorporated into whole school assemblies, RE and PHSE lessons

- Whole School Celebration Assembly
- School Value Spotters
- Children who model the school values are chosen by children and awarded 'School Value' certificates each week. Explicit reference is made to the school values
- Singing Assembly (EYFS/KS1 & KS2) Led by Bolton Music Service Including songs from Christianity and other religions and cultures
- Sing and Celebrate Assembly – Includes songs and stories from Christianity and other religions and cultures.
- Picture News
- Key Stage Assembly and follow up class based assembly.
- Provides relevant and current points for discussion and reflection.
- Content linked SMSC and Fundamental British Values
- Materials are age appropriate
- Home Learning opportunities following each weekly assembly (See Home Learning Policy)
- Children know the Blackrod Declaration – learn about it through discussion
- Relax Kids and Calm a class materials are an embedded part of the school day. These include opportunities for reflection.
- Opportunities for quiet reflection time are included within class sessions
- Vicar from St Katharine's Church visits and shares Old Testament Stories

Celebrations linked to Christianity include

- Observing the traditional Remembrance Day memorial service
- Blackrod Popplewell Service – Charity and Church link
- Harvest – combines learning about and reflecting on current issues and being thankful for what we have.
- Christmas – combines learning about traditions from across the world with the Nativity story.
- Easter - combines learning about traditions from across the world with the Easter story.

The Act of Collective Worship

A variety of teaching and learning styles and active and interactive methods are appropriate in acts of Collective Worship. Any and all of the methods employed in the classroom can be used effectively in acts of Collective Worship. A variety of resources will also be used. Leaders will choose the style/method and resources which are appropriate to the content, the age, aptitude and the background of the pupils.

The content and process must be sufficiently stimulating in order to evoke a response in the individual. This may not be visual, but opportunity must be given to express this response through reflection.

Our assemblies will be conducted in a manner as sensitive and inclusive as to ensure that all children feel comfortable to attend the assembly.

Impact

Collective Worship will contribute to the development of the pupil as a 'whole' person so that they can:

- reflect on that which is considered worthy
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- develop their own spirituality
- reflect on the direction of their lives
- reinforce positive attitudes
- participate and respond
- reflect on what it means to be human
- consider the wonders and worries of the world

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A Joy in Learning and Life

**Embrace your freedom and know
your mind.**

**Be respectful to all and to others be
kind.**

**Don't be misled and know right from
wrong.**

**Strive to be honest and when
challenged stay strong.**

**Be brilliant, be your best, Be
BLACKROD!**

