



Bramley Vale Primary School

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

18 NOV 19

**Minute No TLR – 116 – 18/19
To be reviewed every 2 years**

Motto

Our motto reflects what is most important to us and knowing that **Every child, Every day**, is in school, engaged in their learning, making good progress and being the best they can be.

Values

We have **7 Bramley Vale values** we will support the children in developing...

1. **Pride** – A strong sense of sense pride in their work, achievements and appearance. To support peers valuing and celebrating their personal achievements. To demonstrate a sense of pride in our school, environment and the wider world.
2. **Positivity** - A positive attitude and approach to learning and life and trying to see the good in each experience. To help spread positivity throughout the school and wider community.
3. **Independence** – Self-confidence and self-belief to achieve their own personal success, both academically and physically.
4. **Resilience** – A developing ability to bounce back after a difficulty and help others to do the same. To recognise the rewards associated with battling through and overcoming tough challenges.
5. **Kindness** – To be kind to themselves and take time to practice mindfulness. To be kind to others, understanding we all have needs, feelings and beliefs that deserve respect. To demonstrate sympathy and empathy.
6. **A sense of adventure** – A passion for adventure, an appetite for fun and a willingness to take sensible risks. To broaden their experiences and skills by taking the plunge when new opportunities arise.
7. **Creativity** – A confidence to express their creative flair and personal passions and develop their imagination and resourcefulness.

Aims

As a team, we work together to provide a safe, engaging learning environment with a unique 'family feel'.

We nurture the personal development needs of each learner and prepare our children for the future by developing confidence, a love of learning, positive relationships and coping skills.

We want children to have fun, play and laugh.

Rationale

In Collective Worship, at Bramley Vale Primary School, we aim that pupils have the opportunity to:

- worship God
- consider the purpose and meaning of life
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- explore their own beliefs
- participate and respond
- develop a sense of community spirit
- reinforce common positive values and attitudes
- reflect in a calm manner

Provision

The 1988 Education Reform Act states collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', and as such our assemblies reflect this. However, we remain sensitive to the faiths and beliefs of individual members of the school, local community and indeed to the global community. Some of our assemblies do include stories and/or teachings from the major world faiths. We believe this encourages understanding, empathy and sensitivity towards others whose beliefs differ from our own.

Collective worship involves all members of the school coming together, as a class, key stage or whole school and participating in an assembly.

We hold daily assemblies (usually in the afternoon) which may include music, songs, stories, shared experiences, readings from sacred texts, prayer and reflection. The children are encouraged to come to assembly in a calm and dignified manner showing their respect. We encourage the children to take part fully in prayer and hymns (those choosing not taking part are told to sit quietly).

Assemblies are mainly conducted by the Head teacher and teacher. Sometimes local clergy, NSPCC, theatre groups or other individuals are invited to undertake an assembly.

When planning our assemblies we consider the Religious calendar and current events and plan a weekly religious, moral, cultural or spiritual theme. Assemblies run on the following themes (unless there is a current event):

Mindfulness Monday

Tuneful Tuesday

World Issue Wednesday

PSHE Thursday

Celebration Friday

In a weekly Celebration Assembly, parents are invited to come along to see children's work and achievements. Assemblies offer an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. Each class holds an end of term Topic themed assembly (apart from Autumn Term 2) for children to show their learning and achievements.

Assemblies play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Our assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of the children. This encourages participation, promotes the community spirit of the school and is a practical way in which to demonstrate school and home working together.

Right of withdrawal:

We expect all children to attend our assemblies; however, any parent or guardian can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship. School will make alternative provision for the child during this time.

Monitoring and recording of collective worship:

The themes and sub themes are recorded. Occasionally, informal feedback will be sought through staff discussion and comments from the children, parents and visitors.

Health and Safety:

Staff should refer to the school's Health and Safety policy.

Policy written by: Katie Jenkins

Due for review: November 2021

Appendix 1

ASSEMBLY ROTA - Autumn 2 - 2017 – 2018

Theme	Halloween & Bonfire night safety http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2972/shine-the-light					
Week 1	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30.10.17	Staff	INSET	JG	LE	AS	SJ

Theme	Poppy Appeal http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2988/poppy-appeal					
Week 2	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
06.11.17	Staff	SJ	RH	LE	KJ	SJ – silence now or 11am?

Theme	Manners – the importance of please, sorry and thank http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2985/three-important-words					
Week 3	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13.11.17	Staff	SJ	JG	LE	AS	SJ

Theme	Book Fair (sales begin on Wednesday) Staff to read their favourite stories					
Week 4	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20.11.17	Staff	SJ	RH	LE	KJ	SJ

Theme	The importance of friendship/kindness http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3014/lessons-from-socks					
Week 5	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27.11.17	Staff	SJ	JG	LE	AS	SJ

Theme	No assemblies – performance practise and dress rehearsals TBC					
Week 6	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
04.11.17	Staff	X	X	X	SJ	EYFS performance

Theme	Christmas					
Week 7	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.12.17	Staff	KS1 performance	JG	Christmas dinner day	PANTO	SJ Meet in the hall at 1pm to organise House PM