



Respect, Believe, Succeed

In all that we do, our core values and virtues along with the school's Christian vision; Respect, Believe, Succeed, will be our guide.

Policy – Collective Worship

Date of Governing body ratification – September 2018

Date for Re-ratification – September 2019

Signed – (Chair of Governors)

Our Values

Year A – 2018/19

Trust	My God is my strength in whom I trust (<i>Psalm 18.2</i>)
Compassion	Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (<i>Colossians 3.12</i>)
Courage	Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed for the lord your god will be with you everywhere you go (<i>Joshua 1.9</i>)
Forgiveness	Just as the lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others (<i>Colossians 3.13</i>)
Friendship	Encourage one another and build each other up (<i>1 Thessalonians 5.11</i>)
Respect	Do to others as you would have them do to you (<i>Matthew 7.12</i>)

Year B

**Thankfulness -
Generosity
Perseverance
Justice
Service
Truthfulness**

Worship Policy

Rationale:

Collective Worship at Boddington and Culworth Federation takes place daily in accordance with the provisions of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998. The content of all our acts of Collective Worship is in accordance with the Trust deed of this Church of England School.

The Policy has been prepared by the governors and headteacher with assistance from the teacher co-ordinating Collective Worship and the Cleric associated with the school and/or a member of the local ministry team. The Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education has also been involved. It will be reviewed every 3 years.

Collective Worship is a shared experience that allows for a variety of responses, and provides an opportunity for those of any religious faith or none to focus and reflect on inspiring input and stimuli, which allow the human spirit to respond with integrity. The school will also offer the opportunity to explore, reflect upon and respond to the mystery and meaning of the Christian faith.

Aims: We seek always to reflect in our worship the Christian foundation of our school and our care for all who work here. Our central aims of Collective Worship are;

- To strengthen and support the school community and celebrate each unique individual member made in the image of God.
- To provide our pupils with regular opportunities for stillness, reflection, praise and prayer and to respond to fundamental questions of life and faith.
- To promote children's spiritual, moral, and cultural development.
- To celebrate the values and worth of this school and Christian community including the sharing of gifts and talents of all our pupils.
- To help children develop respect and understanding of the nature, purpose and language of Christian worship.
- To help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others, a recognition of the vulnerability of self and others.

Practicalities: The whole school including members of staff, meet together in the hall each day.

Worship usually lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Various people conduct whole school worship. Visitors play an important part in the life of our school and regularly contribute to acts of worship. The cleric or member of the local ministry team of the parish or Benefice, are frequently invited, as are members of charitable organisations offering their expertise to the school

At Harvest festival, Christmas and other festival days, the whole school visits the church for an act of worship. Each Term we hold a school end of term service and take part in a community service held in the church.

Content and approach: The content of our daily worship is based upon our school values (on the cover page). We have materials that support with the content including 'Roots and Fruits' a resource specifically designed for delivering CW with Christian values as the theme and quality biblical references.

Contents include:

1. Celebration of all the major festivals of Christianity and the journey through the Church year, including the significance of these both locally and throughout the world.
2. Presentation of Bible stories.
3. Christian values
4. Topical matters from the news or the locality.
5. Literature with implicit or explicit religious teaching.
6. Appreciation of the natural world, human activity, the Anglican Church's commitment to ecumenism and the festivals of other major world faiths.
7. Appreciation of the talents, achievements and work of ourselves and others.
8. Visitors who represent organisations who have a brief acceptable to the school.
9. Prayer in different forms – formal including Collects, pupil's own, silence and extempore.
10. Use of music (this may include tapes as an introduction and conclusion, hymn singing and instrumental playing by members of the school) drama and poetry.
11. Appropriate artifacts and focal points. (Candle, Cross, Flowers etc)
12. Participation by the children and staff.

Resources: The school budget for Curriculum, Book and Training includes money that can be used annually for resourcing collective worship. Visual aids (artifacts, posters and books) are purchased as identified.

Evaluation and review: A worship diary is kept to ensure that the acts of worship are generally compatible with the requirements of the policy and to inform our learning and planning for further developments. These will include termly evaluations of acts of Collective Worship that will assist future planning and delivery.

Monitoring Collective Worship will be monitored by discussion at staff and governor meetings.

The discussion will include

- Review of content and methodology
- Suitability for age, aptitude and ability, variety of styles, groupings, leadership
- Links to curriculum and classroom experience
- Resources and budget
- INSET

The Job description and role of the Collective Worship Co-ordinator and the Collective Worship Policy should be regularly reviewed. Foundation Governors should attend worship for monitoring purposes and subsequently meet with the Worship Co-ordinator.

Withdrawal Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. Should any parents make such requests, appropriate arrangements will be made for the supervision of the children following consultation. Parents who have concerns about provision and practise of our Collective Worship are encouraged to contact the headteacher. In a VC School staff retain the right to withdraw from worship. In a VA School staff are expected to attend.