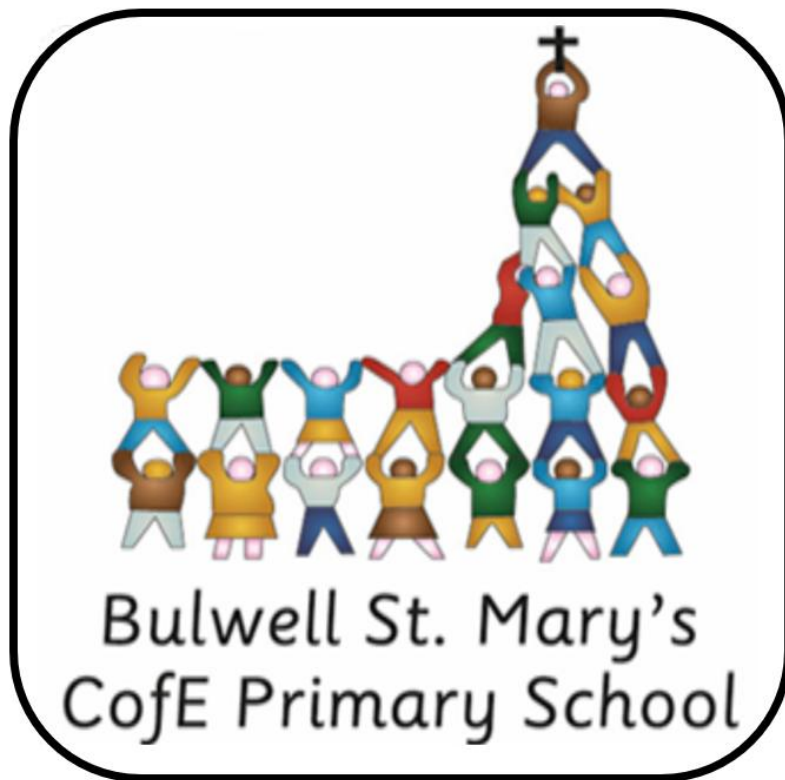




Collective Worship Policy

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Bulwell St Mary's C of E Primary



Vision

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Mission

To ensure every child flourishes and can explore life in all its fullness.

'I came to give life - life in all its fullness'
John 10:10

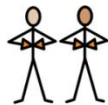
Values

We are proud to be a Take Care school where we live out our school values through the four main aspects of Take Care.

Bulwell St. Mary's is a proud Church of England school that develops Christian values and morals. We focus on 6 key values: Respect, Friendship, Courage, Honesty, Forgiveness and Creativity.

Take Care of Ourselves

Honour God with your body.
1 Corinthians 6:20



Respect

Do to others as you would like them to do to you.
Luke 6:31



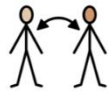
Honesty

Let us tell our neighbours the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.
Ephesians 4:25



Take Care of Each Other

Love your neighbour as yourself.
Matthew 22:39



Friendship

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11



Forgiveness

If you forgive others their sins your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
Matthew 6:14



Take Care of Our Work

Let your good deeds shine out for all to see.
Matthew 5:16



Courage

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid.
Joshua 1:9



Creativity

We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us.
Romans 12:6



Take Care of our School and World

God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
Genesis 2:15



This allows our children to grow as individuals and interact positively with each other in all situations they encounter. The values are a way of life rather than a set of rules to be followed which allows our children to become respectful, thoughtful, content and happy. Prayer and worship are an important part of our daily school life. Through getting to know Jesus our children learn the importance of love and respect for all, and how these values are reflected in their own behaviour and attitudes.

Our school motto is **'Where Your Journey Begins'**. We look forward to supporting you and your children along that journey.

1. Aims of the policy:

This document is designed to give guidance on what Collective Worship looks like at Bulwell St Mary's C of E Primary School. Our school is a caring community, where everyone is welcomed and helped to achieve their full potential. Our approach to Collective Worship is based on ensuring children feel loved and can begin to understand how we can share God's love.

The aims of Collective Worship are:

- To grow in Christian love through the teachings of the scriptures
- To develop a sense of their own beliefs and spiritual and moral codes
- To acknowledge and cherish differences in everyone
- To love and feel loved
- To forgive and be forgiven
- To promote a common ethos and shared values

2. School Vision

Our school vision and values are intrinsic to our approach to Collective Worship approach.

Our school vision is as follows:

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School values

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3. The place of Collective Worship in our school

We endorse the belief that Collective Worship takes in to account the religious and educational needs of all who share in it:

- Those who form part of the worshiping community in church
- Those for whom school may be their only experience of church
- Those from other Christian traditions
- Those from other faith backgrounds or no faith background

We acknowledge the legal requirement for a daily act of worship for all pupils and that this is not designated curriculum time and will not be subsumed under any part of the curriculum time. Responsibility for ensuring legal requirements are met will rest with the governing body and Headteacher.

4. The aims and principles of Collective Worship

At Bulwell St Mary's, we adopt the following approach to Collective Worship:

Aims	To provide all members of our school community with the opportunity to; • Participate in daily Collective Worship and prayer • Contemplate something of the mystery of God • Reflect on spiritual and moral issues • Reflect and focus on aspects of faith that develop a sense of awe and wonder • Explore their own beliefs and those of others • Respond to and celebrate life • Experience a sense of belonging • Develop a common ethos and shared values • Grow in liturgical understanding and development
Principles	Our Collective Worship will: • Celebrate and honour God in a respectful manner • Be an enriching experience • Give children liturgical experiences relative to their level of understanding • Relate to the lives of the children and their community
Organisation	• All Collective Worship will include a prayer relevant to the content of the gathering and/or school values • Collective Worship will be led by a member of school staff, local clergy or visiting members of the community of Diocese • Collective worship will be based on school values, current issues or relevant content to the children • Collective Worship will relate to the scriptures in the bible wherever possible • Collective Worship will enable all children to participate
Structure	• Monday – Led by the Headteacher/ senior leader – values/ scripture/prayer/links to modern life • Tuesday – Class Collective Worship – focus as for Monday • Wednesday – Led by Father Andrew Fisher – focus as for Monday • Thursday – Led by school staff – songs of praise • Friday – led by the Deputy Headteacher – values driven awards to promote children living out the Christian values
Additional services	Additional services may be held during the year for example during special times in the Christian Calendar. Some of these will be held at our church and some will involve invitations to parents and other members of the community. On occasions, our school will participate in joint services with other faith schools in our Multi Academy Trust.
Changes to Collective Worship	We recognise that our policy needs to be flexible to enable changes to approaches which reflect changing situations. Therefore, it is possible that some of our gatherings will take a virtual approach and others might involve limited year groups.

Prayer at Bulwell St Mary's

All our Collective Worship gatherings have a prayer element to them. This can take various forms.

- The Staff Member leading says a prayer
- The Prayer Leaders will lead the children in prayer
- The children record their prayers creatively and display them in the reflection spaces within classrooms
- The children engage in response style prayers led by Prayer Leaders

These prayers can vary in structure but can include an element of thankfulness and an element of asking God for help.

5. Equal Opportunities

Bulwell St Mary's will take into account pupils of different ages and abilities when organising a Collective Worship programme. We will ensure that content is thought-provoking for every pupil regardless of academic ability. Appropriate support will be given to pupils if the need arises. Worship will be inclusive for those of all faith or none, by considering how faith has impacted upon the lives and decisions of others. Inclusive language will be used and children will be given the opportunity to choose how they participate.

6. Right of withdrawal

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship without stating a reason for doing so. We would ask any parents/carers who wish to exercise the right of withdrawal to inform the school. We will be proactive about sharing information about Collective Worship.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation of this policy will be carried out by the Headteacher, staff, governors and children. Pupils will be involved through discussion and feedback.