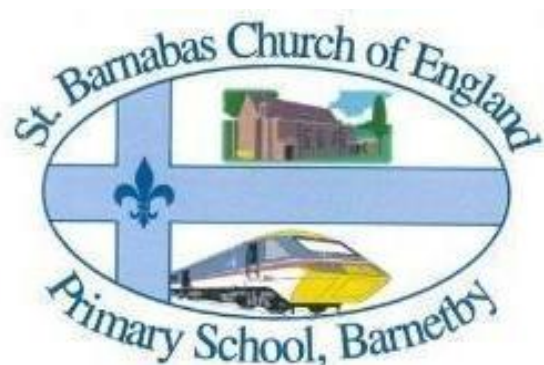


St Barnabas & St Helena's C of E Primary School Federation

"Learning Together to Unlock Our Potential"



Collective Worship Policy and Procedure 2026

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At St Barnabas and St Helen's Church of England Primary School Federation, we believe that Collective Worship plays a very important role in the life of our school.

It is an opportunity to:

- Promote the Christian Foundation of our school and our Christian Values,
- Celebrate and support all aspects of school life and
- Provide for stillness and reflection in what is often a very busy, active day for our children.

We recognise that in our school we have children who have no faith background at all. We take great care to ensure that all children feel included, valued and special.

Aims:

The main aims of Collective Worship are:

- to provide opportunities for all members of the school community to worship God
- to promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- to enable all members of our school community to explore their own beliefs
- to promote a common sense of our federation vision, ethos and shared values
- to enable children to develop respect for and sensitivity to the beliefs, culture and values of others
- to explore Christianity through a multi-cultural perspective, fostering a respect for all people
- to help our children understand the nature and value of worship

The Legal Position:

The 1988 Education Reform Act states that Collective Worship must be on a daily basis for all registered pupils. The religious foundation of St Barnabas Church of England Primary School and St Helena's Primary School means the daily act of Collective Worship is delivered in accordance with the principles of the Church of England.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the daily act of Collective Worship- parents wishing to do so should make a written request to the Head teacher.

Organisation of worship across the federation:

Our Daily Acts of Collective Worship:

- **Whole School Worship** - Linked to our Bible Story and Christian Value of the half term
- **Choral worship** - children sing hymns and songs linked to our learning and wider school curriculum.
- **Picture News:** a news story linked to the latest news and links with the British Values, Protected Characteristics and provides a wider picture of the world.

- **Noticing Worship** - Focussing on justice, responsibility and equity and what that looks like to us and others.
- **Unlocking Potential Worship** - A time to celebrate with our families and community noticing how all within the school have unlocked their potential and have flourished.

Collective Worship lasts for 20 minutes. All acts of worship are invitational and inclusive and should encourage everyone to develop their own beliefs.

The Themes:

- Reflect the Christian Church year
- Promote the Christian Values of our school and our ethos as expressed in our Church School Vision and the Church of England's vision for education.
- Develops Jigsaw, British Values, Personal Development and global themes and key points in the children's lives- such as Moving On.
- Develop and promote an understanding of all faiths.
- Develop spirituality for all

Most of our Collective Acts of Worship focus on our Christian Value for the term. These are usually linked with curriculum themes or special occasions and festivals through which these key ideas can be developed.

The Siam's Leader plans worship for each half term ensuring coherence and breadth. Each half term the Christian values and themes are reviewed to ensure coverage of all key aspects for that particular term. The grid aims to help staff plan Collective Worship. Themes are revisited and developed each year. Collective worship also aims to tackle global issues and develop children's understanding of the world around us.

Some acts of worship focus on introducing the PHSE theme for the half term and develop children's understanding of the importance of their own mental health and wellbeing. Other acts of worship encourage children to develop spiritually, focusing on their sense of quiet, developing their understanding of their thoughts and feelings and appreciating the awe and wonder in the world around them.

Worship Council

Children in both schools are invited to become a part of the Worship Council in September each year. Each child has to "apply" for the role and if successful represent the school, leading |Worship, Prayer and being a positive advocate for all faiths.

Resources:

An 'altar' table is used as a focus for Collective Worship. It has a coloured cloth reflecting the Church season, based on the liturgical calendar displayed around the schools.

Three candles are lit at the start of each Collective Act of Worship (representing the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit) and a greeting is said which focuses on the Christian value of the Term. At the end of the Collective Act of Worship children are invited to say the closing prayer. This prayer is written by the Worship Council based on our value for the half term.

Supporting Resources

Weekly Planning provided by Collective Worship Lead

Pol-Ed assemblies

Jigsaw Scheme

Picture News

Assemblies for All

iSingPop Collective Worship

Noticing DBE Document