

Brough Primary School

Collective Worship



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Collective Worship provides the opportunity for members of the Brough Primary School Community to pause from activity, to gather, to remind them of and to reflect upon the beliefs and values which bind the school community together. It allows those with a religious commitment the possibility of entering into worship and those with no religious commitment to sense what worship is and to reflect. It also provides a time to celebrate the various achievements of members of the community.

Aims of Collective Worship

The aim of collective worship is to provide the opportunity for the children to:

- Worship God
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Explore their own beliefs
- Respond to and participate in the worship offered
- Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- To reinforce positive attitudes

Organisation

All maintained schools must provide daily collective worship for all registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn from this by their parents). This collective worship is usually provided within assemblies, but can also be done within individual classes or groups of children. This is particularly appropriate for younger children in primary schools. Daily collective worship is mainly of a broadly Christian character.

At Brough Primary School there is a weekly program of assemblies. There are whole school assemblies at the beginning and end of the week and assemblies as a Key Stages or in classes for the remainder of the week.

Special Assemblies

Visiting speakers from local churches are invited to school to lead Collective Worship, especially at key Christian religious festivals, Easter, Harvest, Advent and Christmas. Time is also allotted to relevant charities e.g. NCH, Banardo's, NSPCC, to discuss their roles and opportunities to raise funds. Key national events are also recognised e.g. Remembrance Day. Festivals and stories from other religions are also discussed and shared to give the children an understanding of different cultures and faiths. This reflects the cultures and faiths of the changing school community.

Friday afternoon assemblies focus on the celebration of achievements within our school community. Also, children have the opportunity to share their personal and team achievements. Certificates and awards are presented during these assemblies.

Collective Worship Content

There is no pre-determined plan for the content of all assemblies. This allows for assembly leaders to be able to make their assemblies topical, links to the curriculum, or to reflect a need for a particular social or moral issue to be dealt with.

Right to Withdraw

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from acts of Collective Worship if they wish, after appropriate consultation with the head teacher. Where this occurs, the school will ensure that the withdrawn pupils are adequately supervised. Staff also have the right to withdraw from Collective Worship should they wish to do so.

The school community should be invited to participate in the worship element of assemblies and should not be made to join in. However, everyone must be respectful to the faiths and beliefs of others.

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