



NEW BRIGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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New Brighton Primary Collective Worship Policy Statement

Introduction

New Brighton Primary School recognises that every school must implement the legal requirements to provide a daily act of collective worship for all pupils with the exception of those who are withdrawn by their parents. The majority of acts of collective worship should be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature and appropriate to the family backgrounds, age and aptitudes of the pupils.

Collective worship supports and guides the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils. The shared values which we promote are reinforced by acts of collective worship.

The responsibility for arranging collective worship rests with the Headteacher after consultation with the governing body.

Purpose

The aims of collective worship times at New Brighton Primary School are:

- To worship God
- To consider spiritual and moral issues
- To participate and respond in corporate religious activity
- To develop a common ethos and shared values throughout school
- To reinforce a positive ethos
- To give school members time to reflect and explore their own beliefs
- To consider the various approaches to religion and human condition but primarily to consider and explore Christianity

Principles

Collective worship, subject to the right of withdrawal, should include all pupils. At New Brighton Primary School acts of collective worship will be conducted in appropriate groupings including:

- Whole School assemblies
- Key Stage Assembly
- Year Group(s) Assembly
- Class prayer
- Individual reflection

Religious assemblies are largely Christian in origin. However, other faiths and customs are included as and when appropriate. Assemblies also consider PSHCE issues and themes.

On days on which there is no larger group assembly, the act of collective worship will take place in classes. The act of worship may be led by the class teacher or by pupils.

In so far as collective worship is an educational experience for the pupils and part of that broadly-based curriculum which is their entitlement, the Governors hope that all teachers will help to secure collective worship. However, the school recognises the right of pupils and members of staff to withdraw from the daily act of collective worship.

By implication, taking part in collective worship means that the act of worship should provide the opportunity for pupils to make their own response.

The Right of Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from acts of collective worship. They should contact school and, following a meeting with the Headteacher, confirm their wishes in writing. A list of pupils withdrawn from acts of collective worship is held by individual class teachers as appropriate, and the Headteacher.

Evaluation

The Headteacher will regularly review this policy with the R.E./PSHCE Team.