



BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY Autumn 2022

Approved by the Governing Body of Bidston Avenue Primary School

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Signed: _____

Cllr George Davies (Chair of Governors)

Bidston Avenue Primary School – Achieving Together



Our Vision:

Every child will leave school as a **reader** who **thinks** critically and has the **resilience** for the world's challenges.



Our Mission:

Bidston Avenue Primary School delivers a **world class curriculum**.

It is accessible, inspiring and ambitious, so that every child is equipped to make a positive contribution.



Evidence Tells Us:

Reading ability is the best predictor of future educational achievement and future success.

Tomorrow's jobs require **thinking** and problem solving abilities.

Children who are **resilient** flourish in all environments.

We value: *friendship / RESPECT / equality / determination / inspiration / courage / excellence*

At Bidston Avenue we hold a daily act of collective worship which is Christian in character. We also try to ensure that the pupils understand and respect any other child that belongs to, and believes in a different faith.

All pupils attend, unless the parents of children with a particular faith have requested they are withdrawn. These children are included in any secular parts of the assembly.

During our act of worship we hope to achieve the following:-

- To bring pupils together in fellowship and to celebrate shared values of the school and community. To have a time for sharing successes and failures in personal, school and community life.
- To give time for thought and reflection on life and its meaning.
- To encourage a sense of awe and wonder of the world we live in.
- To foster concern for the needs of others and provide experiences of being part of a caring community.
- To provide an opportunity for giving information and voicing any improvements in decisions/problems which may have arisen.
- To provide an opportunity for celebration, thanksgiving and sharing emotions together.

The act of worship is held in the hall, at different times, to suit the school timetable. It generally lasts 20 minutes and follows a chosen theme for the half term or term.

Worship takes the form of Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 assembly and Yr4, Yr5, Yr6 on four days of the week – led by the Head, a member of the SLT or a visiting speaker – and a second steps/circle time, with an act of worship, in class groups on the fifth day.

Thursday assembly is led by a class teacher on a rota basis.

Friday is our Celebration assembly.

Foundation 2 are phased into collective worship towards the end of the school year.

Outside speakers take part on alternative Wednesdays, for example Karen Inman from Wirral Christian Centre and/or Reverend Steve Mansfield, vicar of St. James Church.

As school worship is an educational activity, themes chosen will be, as far as possible, appropriate to the age and aptitude of the pupils. Themes for collective worship are planned by the Head and RE leader. These will usually include specific Christian and other religious festivals and stories, current events, important dates or may be connected with classroom activities.

Collective worship may also include:-

- Music, which forms an important part of our worship, being listened to for reflection and enjoyment and being sung and played in the form of hymns and songs.
- Stories/passages taken from a wide selection of material e.g. assembly books, files, bible story books and frequently short texts from the bible (Good News)
- Visual aids – art or artefacts form a valuable part of our worship and are used whenever their use will aid concentration, interest and reflection.

- Involvement of pupils in the form of drama, dance, reading etc
- Prayer forms a short, but central part of worship. Various kinds of prayers are used to suit a theme, or provide a general focus, formal or informal, said by the staff and children.
- Time for quiet and reflection.

Collective worship is an important part of the day at Bidston Avenue and makes a valuable contribution to the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Policy written byS.G. Brady, Headteacher / D.Davies, RE leader

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Person to initiate review..... RE Leader