



Blue Gate Fields Infant School Collective Worship

Agreed by staff
Agreed by governors

January 2019

Review Date

January 2021

Introduction

At Blue Gate Fields Infant School we aim to develop the children's spiritual, moral and social development, building on and valuing their own experiences and religious beliefs.

As a maintained school, Blue Gate Field Infant school is obliged by law to provide a daily Act of Collective Worship for all pupils registered at the school. This may be provided by a daily assembly or within individual classes or groups of children. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from the Act of Collective Worship. They are not obliged to give a reason. The Act of Collective Worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian Character.

The Collective Worship Policy at Blue Gate Fields Infant School pays due regard to statutory requirements, and has taken account of the guidance offered by the LA through its SACRE.

At Blue Gate Fields, collective worship, whether in an assembly or classroom is non-denominational and aims to reinforce moral values and ethics common to all religions. We also ensure that it is:

- Acceptable to the whole school community including children and staff.
- Appropriate for all the children's ages and abilities.
- Inclusive.

Aims of Collective Worship

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of our school and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- Share common aims and values.
- Celebrate achievement and special times.
- Explore together the world in which we live.
- Develop a community spirit.

It is a time when the children can:

- Worship that which is considered worthy.
- Have time to reflect.
- Consider spiritual and moral issues.
- Explore their own beliefs.
- Develop their own spirituality.
- Reinforce positive attitudes.
- Participate and respond.

The Contribution of Collective Worship to aspects of the Curriculum

Collective Worship time is distinct from curriculum time. However, in our School, Collective Worship will at times feature aspects of the curriculum, which will enhance the experiences of pupils by reflecting on the work done in classes. At times, Collective Worship will enrich classwork through its consideration of subject matter from different perspectives.

The provision of opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is in line with school policy which informs our practice. To ensure Collective Worship provides opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development it should address a wide variety of themes and topics, use diverse stimuli and resources and provide pupils with the opportunity to 'respond' on their own level.

Links with teaching of R.E.

At Blue Gate Fields Infant School we follow the Tower Hamlets agreed syllabus for teaching R.E. The syllabus is monitored and supported by SACRE, the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education. The agreed syllabus places emphasis on children's exploration of meaning, purpose and value through the study of all major religions. During times of collective worship, we share stories from major faiths and celebrate religious festivals during the year.

Withdrawal

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act or acts of Collective Worship may request that their child is withdrawn. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with the headteacher. Any pupil who is withdrawn from an act or acts of Collective Worship will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

The Collective Worship Policy was approved by governors in January 2019 and signed by the chair of governors.

..... Chair of governors.

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It will be reviewed in January 2021 or sooner in the case of new information, changes or legislation.

Appendix 1
Themes for Assembly

Autumn	Weeks		
Weeks 1 and 2	2	New beginnings - our values Attendance expectations	
Weeks 3 and 4	2	The importance of Eid to Muslims. Celebrating with families and others.	
Weeks 5 and 6,7	3	School Values	
Half Term			
Weeks 1 to 5	5	How to STOP children bullying others. School values and characteristics Being a good friend	
Weeks 6,7,8	3	The importance of Christmas to Christians. Attendance prizes for 100% autumn term	
Christmas Holiday			

Spring			
Weeks 1,2,3	3	New Year Resolutions - How to make sure you always try your best and not give up. Attendance expectations/prizes Taking responsibility for your actions. Saying sorry.	
Weeks 4,5,6	3	The importance of Chinese New Year to Chinese people. Growth Mindset with Gary	
Half Term			
Weeks 1 to 5	5	St David's Day - March 1st Book Week - sharing our favourite stories and characters Red Nose Day - 24 th March Mothers' Day - How we can help others in our family. St Patrick's Day - March 17 th Hygiene week - importance of keeping clean and looking after yourself	
Weeks 6,7	2	The importance of Easter to Christians.	
Easter Holiday			

Summer			
Week 1	1	St George's Day - 23 April Celebrating diversity and difference.	
Weeks 2 to 5	4	Trying your best and not giving up. Listening to others point of view. Walk to School week	
Half Term			
Weeks 1 to 4	4	Respecting others. The importance of Rules and Laws. Growth mindset	
Weeks 5 and 6	2	The importance of Eid to Muslims Charity Week - raising money for those in need How to manage our fears about changes in our lives.	
Weeks 7 and 8	2	Moving on. How to manage new challenges. Link to new classes in September	