

Collective Worship Policy

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Introduction:

The community of Oakworth and the wider Keighley region is rich in its breadth of religious traditions. Many faiths are represented within the Bradford area.

Statutory Duty

The Education Act requires all maintained schools in England to provide a daily act of collective worship and that this should be 'wholly or mainly' of Christian character.' Our school community is made up of people from different religions, cultures and no religious beliefs. As such, we are mindful to be respectful to all and this is a common thread woven through our practice.

Aims

Collective Worship contributes to the ethos and overall aims of Oakworth Primary School by:

- emphasising the fact that the school is a community in which every member is valued and has a contribution to make.
- giving the opportunity to express, explore and affirm individual and communal values and needs, including religious values and attitudes.
- ensuring a clear response to diversity, including different religious backgrounds, giving children the opportunity to consider the celebrations and festivals of a number of world religions and consider how the shared philosophies and practices of these religions impact on their daily lives.
- giving the opportunity to consider a range of moral issues, with a common link of caring for each other and working together, thus enhancing their Spiritual development. Pupils will have the opportunity for reflection.
- Combining with the teaching of RE to promote the spiritual, moral and cultural development of children at school and within society.
- achieving knowledge and understanding of others and their faiths, thereby encouraging them to act with empathy, respect, tolerance and love.

Implementation

At Oakworth Primary School we pay due regard to statutory requirements.

'Worship' has a wide range of meanings and forms of expression. At Oakworth Primary School 'worship' is commonly expressed as providing varied opportunities for children to reflect on and understand values such as respect, care, tolerance and forgiveness. It also provides us with the opportunity to reinforce the values and aims of our school.

At Oakworth Primary School, collective worship, whether in assembly time or class time, aims to:

- Be appropriate to all pupils of any religion or none, to enable them to be present and take part as appropriate.
- Include a variety of different elements at different times
- Involve pupils

- Provide opportunity for pupils to celebrate their own achievements, those of the school and the community.
- Promote British Values.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from the daily act of collective worship. Any parent wishing to withdraw their child from collective worship should contact the Headteacher.