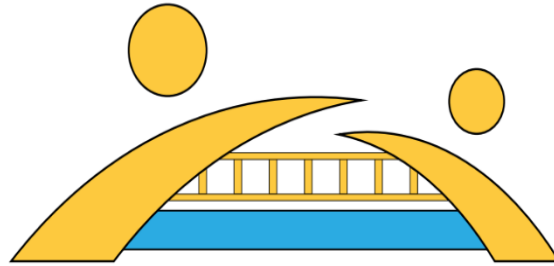


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Collective Worship Policy

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Ysgol Bro Caereinion Collective Worship Policy

Aims of the Policy

- To help learners develop spiritual and moral awareness by means of acts of collective worship, which is broadly Christian in character.
- To foster in learners a sense of respect, through a process of worship, prayer and reflection.
- To explore other World religions and cultural links.

Objectives

- To provide a daily opportunity for prayer and/or reflection, which follows a whole school planning pattern.
- To help learners recognise the heritage of Christian worship.
- To foster in learners an understanding of the diversity of beliefs, attitudes, cultures and traditions within the world.
- To encourage mutual tolerance and understanding of other faiths.
- To develop in learners a sense of right and wrong, and an understanding of the importance of a shared moral code, in order to ensure that our school is a caring social environment.
- To engage in collective acts of worship (singing hymns, saying prayers, undertaking reading from religious texts, etc.)
- To liaise with local churches and other similar organisations, in order to visit local chapels and churches for worship, and also to invite members of the various church communities to attend assemblies in school.
- To explore the spiritual and cultural heritage of Wales, through Welsh songs and stories of Welsh religious characters.

What are the legal requirements for school worship?

- Collective Worship must be provided daily for all registered learners;
- The Act of Collective Worship can be held at any time of the day;
- Government allocations of teaching time per week, excludes the act of Collective Worship.
- There may be a single act of Collective Worship or separate ones for different age or school groups.
- Acts of Collective Worship must take place on school premises, although on some occasions the Governing Body may authorise them to take place elsewhere.
- Parents/Guardians have the right to withdraw their son or daughter wholly or partly from Collective Worship.
- Teachers in maintained schools cannot be made to attend or participate in Collective Worship.
- Collective Worship should reflect something special or different from ordinary school activities.
- The majority of acts of Worship in any one term must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. An exemption from this can be granted by the local SACRE.

What are the principles of Collective Worship?

An Act of Worship at Ysgol Bro Caereinion will:

- Respect the integrity and dignity of learners and staff;
- Be appropriate to the needs and interests of the learners;
- Be clearly distinguished from the everyday activity of the school;
- Be inclusive so that everyone can both contribute to it and gain from it, and participate in it, if this is appropriate.

What are the aims of Collective Worship?

We are aiming to:

- Offer the time and opportunity for reverence, reflection, contemplation and prayer;
- Provide a context to consider moral, ethical, social and cultural issues;
- Help the children to develop thoughtful and extended responses to key questions;
- Promote spiritual growth and development;
- Foster a sense of community within school and beyond it;
- Enable learners to explore a variety of different forms of worship;
- Illuminate, celebrate and commemorate what has meaning, value and purpose for individuals, the school and the wider community;
- Celebrate difference and diversity.

How is Collective Worship organised?

Collective Worship will:

- Take place daily either as whole phases or form classes.
- Be bilingual with many Welsh phrases and commands used as an integral part of the service.
- Be led by the Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher or staff on a weekly rotational basis
- Be planned on a Termly basis to include a mainly Christian character, although major festivals of other World Religions has been included to ensure that children develop a wider knowledge, experience and appreciation of world faiths.
- Include a period of time for reflection during all Collective Worship sessions in order to consider what has been discussed and experienced.
- Provide learners with the opportunity to participate within a prayer of a mainly Christian Character or on occasions reflect on other World Faith practice in all Collective Worship sessions.
- Invite learners to contribute fully within Collective Worship sessions on many occasions. Learners can also contribute to sessions by writing prayers to be used during times of reflections.
- Include a 'Celebration Assembly' every Friday for learners in the Primary Phase. This includes Pupils of the Week, Stars of the Week, Welsh speakers of the week, most achievement points.

Supervision

- The expectation is that all staff are present during whole school assemblies.
- Staff who are not required in assembly will be engaged in activities previously arranged with the HT (eg. ALNCO carrying out review/drawing up I.D.P. with class teacher, planning, assessment, etc.)

Equal Opportunities

All learners, irrespective of their religious persuasion, are expected to participate in collective acts of worship. If any parent wishes to withdraw their child from the school's act of worship, they must contact the HT to discuss what alternative arrangements are to be made. It is expected that, when a child is withdrawn from assembly, the school will provide alternative activities after discussion with parents.

Children with Additional Learning Needs will have equal access to the collective act of worship in school.