
	<p>The Brakenhale School</p> <p>Policy</p>	
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Policy Title	Collective Worship	Version No	2.0
Status	Statutory	Approved	

Rationale	<p>The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • worship God • reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs • develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values • consider spiritual and moral issues • respond to the worship offered.
Policy Statement	<p>Statutory Duty of School</p> <p>All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered students (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents).</p> <p>This is usually provided within a daily assembly.</p> <p><i>Parents/Carers have a right to withdraw their children from Religious Education (RE) and collective worship. If a parent asks for their child to be wholly or partly excused from attending any RE or collective worship at the school, the school must comply unless the request is withdrawn.</i></p> <p><i>A school remains responsible for the supervision of any child withdrawn from RE or collective worship, unless the child is lawfully receiving RE, or taking part in collective worship elsewhere.</i></p> <p><i>Parents do not need to explain their reasons for seeking withdrawal. The Department for Children, Schools and Family recommends that to avoid misunderstanding, a head teacher may wish to clarify with any parent wanting to withdraw:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the religious issues about which the parent would object their child being taught</i> • <i>the practical implications of withdrawal</i> • <i>the circumstances in which it would be reasonable to accommodate parents'/carers' wishes</i> • <i>if a parent will require any advanced notice of such issue in the future and if so, how much</i> <p>The Headteacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the pupils to take part in Christian collective worship, the head teacher may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.</p>

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	<p>Implementation</p> <p>Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time, will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils • include a variety of elements at different times • involve the pupils.
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Links to other policies	Curriculum		
Staff responsible	JJM	Monitoring & Evaluation by	Governors
School Group Responsible	SLT	Governors Committee Responsible	S&SW
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