**Bredbury St. Mark’s Church of England Primary School**

**Collective Worship Policy**

**School Vision Statement**

**‘With God all things are possible’ Matthew 19:26**

***It is this belief in us from God that will enable us to dream, believe and achieve***

***Hope, Perseverance, Courage, Love, Friendship and Forgiveness***

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Aims

* At Bredbury St Mark’s we align our school vision with that of the Chester Diocese Academy Trust with the promise that we want every child to experience ‘life in all its fullness.’ (John 10:10)
* Our vision is supported through our school motto DREAM BIG. We believe in the capabilities of all and that dreams can be turned into reality.
* We endeavour to inspire and motivate everyone to be the best that they can be, growing and learning in a community inspired by Christian values.
* We aspire to equip everyone with the skills needed to believe they can achieve and to reach their goals. Our school is a safe, happy and welcoming place where every child’s uniqueness is valued and supported.
* Working together with our community, we will develop happy children who can succeed in the modern world with their enquiring minds, spirit of curiosity, respect for themselves, others and the environment and having the skills, resilience and adaptability to thrive.

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**Statement of Intent**

All children at Bredbury St Mark’s are required to take place in daily Collective Worship where children are given the opportunity to explore their own beliefs and consider spiritual and moral issues.

The daily act of worship is considered an integral part of school life.

All children are encouraged to learn about beliefs of others in addition to their own as part of the religious education national curriculum. Children take part in whole school worships and in their classes, and it is a time for the whole school to reflect on spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues.

**Legal Requirements**

This policy has due regard to statutory legislation, including but not limited to, the following:

The School Standards and Framework Act 1988

This policy also has due regard to guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:

DfE (1994) Religious Education and Collective Worship

**Policy Aims**

Collective Worship at Bredbury St Mark’s CE Primary School aims to:

* Enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues as well as explore their own beliefs.
* Encourage participation and response via active involvement or through listening and participating in the worship offered.
* Provide children with the opportunity to plan, lead or contribute to collective worship.
* Provide a peaceful environment to enable stillness, prayer and reflection.
* Help children develop an awareness of their community and an understanding of individuals and other beliefs.
* Acknowledge diversity.
* Promote a common ethos and shred values.
* Reinforce positive attitudes.
* Encourage reflection of children’s own experiences and beliefs.
* Provide quality quiet time for prayer and reflection.
* Provide the opportunity for the whole school to come together.

**Organisation**

* The RE / Collective Worship leader is responsible for creating the agenda for collective worship in discussion with the Headteacher, LGB and Church.
* The act of worship is held daily for 15-20 minutes.
* Whole school worship is around a theme for that half term.
* The school may invite visitors in during collective worship.

Collective Worship takes place daily:

**Monday**  Whole school based on the half termly Christian Value

(Led by the Headteacher)

**Tuesday** Whole school based on the half termly Christian Value

(Led by UPS teachers)

**Wednesday** Class based worship based on Picture News

**(**Led by Class Teacher)

**Thursday** Worship through song based on the half termly Christian Value

**(**Led by the Assistant Headteacher)

**Friday** Whole school in church based on the half termly Christian Value

(Led by Reverend Bull)

**Planning**

Bredbury St Mark’s Collective Worship is mainly of a broadly Christian character. Collective Worship is planned on a half termly, two year cycle. It is based on Values for Life, we use the resource Root and Fruits by Imaginor to support primary schools in the teaching of Christian values.

Twelve values have been selected and form the basis for the Long Term Plan for Collective Worship at Bredbury St. Mark’s. Friday worship is planned and delivered by the vicar or another church representative or other visitor. Whole school worships are planned by the Collective Worship Lead but personalised by the staff delivering them. Class lead Collective worships are planned using Picture News.

I**mplementation**

The Act of Collective Worship should:

* Have an identifiable objective.
* Create the appropriate atmosphere and setting (i.e. some time for listening, thinking, sharing, stillness, reflection and prayer).
* Have a focal point for the children to look at in order to establish Collective Worship as a special time of the day. (The candles should be lit whenever possible- we use 3 candles to represent the Holy Trinity).
* Take into account the need for a variety of stimuli
* Be a positive experience.

**Participation**

The leadership of Collective Worship is shared by all members of staff, the vicar from St. Mark’s church and visitors from the wider community. Every effort is made to involve the children, through the use of talk partners, participation with drama and activities.

Children also have chance to reflect individually during the Class-based Collective worship session. Collective Worship at Bredbury St Mark’s is invitational in its nature.

**Right of withdrawal**

Parents / Carers are advised that they have the right to withdraw their child from Religious Education and the Act of Worship and are not required to provide a reason for doing so.

They will be encouraged to discuss their decision with the headteacher following a request to withdraw their child in terms of:

* The elements of worship the parent /carer would object to their child taking part in
* The practical implications of withdrawal.
* Whether the parent / carer will require notice in advance of such worship, and if so, what period of notice is preferred.

**Resources**

Resources required to deliver Collective Worship are the responsibility of the Subject Leader and can be found in the RE/CW cupboard in the library or digitally on the school system.

**Monitoring and Review**

A record is kept of all acts of Collective Worship delivered. The appropriate planning sheet is evaluated and signed by the relevant member of staff. In addition, each act of Collective Worship is evaluated by four children daily using our reflection sheets. Individual class teachers keep records for their own classroom worships. Teacher’s are provided with a class Collective Worship planning sheet which has been partially completed with any relevant events/special days etc.

The policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Headteacher and Collective Worship lead.

The policy will be evaluated in accordance with any feedback from discussions.

Any changes made to the is policy and the collective worship programme will be communicated to all members of staff.