

Brimsdown Collective Worship Information

Our school Assemblies

We conduct assemblies in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that assembly time is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time, and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful, and to participate fully. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music, and sometimes candles or other objects, to focus the attention of the children.

Whole school assemblies are normally conducted by members of the senior leadership team, but are sometimes led by visit representatives of local religious groups.

Our assemblies reflect the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in the assemblies by showing their work to the other children, and by raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Assemblies provide an opportunity to reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They also play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued, and all achievements are recognised. Brimsdown Primary School is a successful school, and we shall continue to celebrate the successes of all our children at our assemblies.

Whenever possible parents and Governors are invited to attend. We encourage their attendance, as this promotes community spirit, and shows we are working together in support of the children's achievements.

Right of withdrawal

We expect all children to attend assembly. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from collective worship, and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during that part of the assembly. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for their request. This right of withdrawal complies with the 1944 Education Act, and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

Collective Worship Policy Aims and purpose

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- To provide an opportunity for children to worship;
- To enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- To enable children to explore their own beliefs;
- To encourage participation and response;
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit;
- To promote a common ethos, with shared values, and to reinforce positive attitudes;

- To provide a period of quiet reflection.

Collective worship

We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves all members of the school coming together and participating in an assembly. We expect everyone to take an active part in the assembly.

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states that collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character' however, we conduct our assemblies in a manner that is sensitive to the faiths and beliefs of all members of the school. Our assemblies reflect the traditions of other religions that are represented in the school and the wider community.