

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS – COLLECTIVE WORSHIP June 2019

Number sent out	180	FS2 & KS1
Number returned	68	38%

1. How important is it that your child takes part in Christian acts of worship at our school?

Very important	16	24%
Quite important	31	46%
Not important	21	31%

2. Does your child ever talk at home about school worship?

Often	18	26%
Occasionally	40	59%
Never	10	15%

3. If you have ever attended an act of worship at our school, for example a class assembly or multi-faith assembly, what impact did this have on you?

- ***I only attended one assembly and I was impressed at the clever way you pass on the message to the children***
- ***Reflective, positive, harmonious***
- *It is a good experience to learn about other cultures and religions*
- *Yes I did and it's really good to learn about diversity and other religions*
- ***I have attended many acts of worship at the school and it gives a feeling of unity and calm***
- *I was struck by the inclusivity, positively.*
- *It's good to see the kids learn about worship and faith in God.*
- *Yes, it is really a pleasure to be at the class assembly to see the children which relaxes and calms the mind.*
- *It was lovely to see the children enacting the story of the fishermen and reading a prayer beautifully.*
- *I am glad our son experiences the church services and connection. We enjoyed the assembly but the religious aspect did not have any impact on us. The Christingle service was very moving.*
- *We enjoyed seeing our daughter participate in a group assembly but no impact from a religious perspective, as non-practising Christians.*
- *Understanding different religions.*
- *I thought it was very good and felt proud that my son is attending such a good school.*
- *Have attended a couple of assemblies. Enjoy the community values the children learn.*

- *I think it is very interesting to know all different cultures and beliefs. I would like my kids to grow up in the environment to respect each other.*
- *I have been to a couple of the assemblies and think it's a great way to share ideas and different religions.*
- *The impact was kindness, the quiet and learning about peace.*
- ***I was pleased to see different faiths being acknowledged in a CofE school.***
- *Yes it definitely has an impact – it gives me food for thought, affects how I live my life and makes me proud seeing the children learn from each other.*
- ***Great to have such an inclusive school which celebrates all faiths.***
- ***It was very encouraging to see for myself that the school really does take being a Christian school seriously – it's not just in name.***
- *I'm learning lots more than I did at school so I'm grateful for the opportunity.*
- *Multi-faith assemblies are informative.*
- ***I really appreciate the inclusiveness – the way the school demonstrates similarities between different faiths.***
- *Very much enjoyed by mummy. I found the multi-faith assembly very interesting and has a community feel to it. Great values for each faith represented.*
- ***I thought they were very powerful for the children and also the wider school community – they help bring everyone together.***
- *It's nice to learn about different faiths as it teaches tolerance and peace and love for all.*
- *The commitment of the children was very warming and was spiritually uplifting.*
- ***It's reassuring to see both children and parents taking part in and accepting each other's faiths so willingly.***
- *It was lovely to be part of – fond memories.*
- ***I love that it includes and unites all religions and backgrounds. I like how it is values that are celebrated.***
- *Happy to see all faiths represented.*
- *The two I have attended have been well done. The children all participate and are engaged. More importantly, my son understands the message being delivered in the assemblies and RE classes.*
- *I am not in favour of acts of worship in school so have not attended any.*

4. How important is it that your child learns about faiths other than their own?

Very important	40	59%
Quite important	26	38%
Not important	2	3%

5. Do you have any other comments about Collective Worship or Religious Education at our school?

- *My husband thinks they should also learn about the downside of religion: war, intolerance, persecution. Personally I don't fully agree with this statement but I see where he is coming from.*
- *Keep it up – based on society observations, most people appear to have developed a dislike for all things religious which is a shame as I believe ALL religions can enrich a child/person. As a society we need to ensure all perspectives continue to exist.*
- *I think it's really important to learn about other religions and cultures. It's very educational.*
- ***I have also been present in a class when they take part in Collective Worship and the values highlighted are extremely important.***
- ***Religious study is very beneficial – helps in wellbeing and spiritual growth as a Christian.***
- ***I feel the school is giving our child a very rounded view of the world.***
- *In relation to religion, school should be a place for learning and appreciating other beliefs but NOT celebrating other beliefs. Part of education is to seek the truth and it is important to give children the opportunity to decide what is true for themselves. With all this in mind, it is important to LEARN about other beliefs without any CELEBRATING other beliefs.*
- ***I have always found Boyne Hill to be respectful and inclusive of all major religions.***
- *It really helps the children to know and understand other faiths and what they all have in common.*
- *Our son is learning a lot about other religions which is very important to us. Thank you.*
- *Very pleased our son is learning about other faiths. Was glad he had a trip to the Sikh temple. Would be nice to experience other religions in this way too.*
- *We feel it is important for our daughter to learn about all faiths and tolerance for the views of others but as non-practising Christians, we do not place particular importance upon her taking part in practical worship.*
- *We are a Christian family. Learning about Christianity and other religions is very important to us. For us all to have religious tolerance and empathy and freedom, different views need to be understood and shared.*
- *Despite not being actively religious as a family, we definitely recognise the value and importance of learning the morals and ethics of a good, considerate way of living.*
- *I think it's important for children to be aware of different cultures, faiths and religions. It is important for children to know that although there are different religions and faiths, we are all equal.*
- *Thank you all. You have been good and helpful.*
- ***I am happy Boyne Hill promote and educate about all faiths as we want our children to be accepting of all.***
- ***The amount of teaching on all religions is impressive. Pleased this is balanced. Impressed with the local vicar coming in and visits to the church.***
- ***I appreciate and value a lot how the school respects and teaches the kids different cultures. Thank you.***
- *I love the Christingle service. Great to see and hear about a diversity in culture.*

- *Our comments are about the learning of other religions and learning about Christianity and the Bible which really helps in knowledge.*
- ***I think Boyne Hill do a great job of being inclusive and respectful of all faiths while still teaching about the Christian faith and Bible stories.***
- ***The RE in this school is good.***
- *I think it is important for children to learn about religion and RE is an important subject which children learn in secondary school too. It makes them think about life, question things and improve their knowledge.*
- *I appreciate the approach of tolerance to other religions. I don't particularly want her to take part in 'acts of worship' in the teaching of other religions. I think the school has this right at the moment.*
- ***The pupils' backgrounds, cultures and religions are diverse and the school capitalises on this in positive ways, bringing the children and their families together.***
- *It all seems age appropriate and my son has learnt facts and festivity information that would not have been taught at home at the same level and with such fun, ie. Diwali colours, patterns, lights.*
- ***I think you celebrate all religions really well and very sensitively/positively.***
- ***I think Boyne Hill is very good at teaching children about different faiths and understanding morals and good behaviours.***
- *I think the balance seems right.*
- *I feel it's important to maintain Christian traditions and the true meaning of Christian events. Also celebrate the traditions/events of other faiths.*
- ***It is very important to learn about other faiths because while the words and practices may differ, the values and core messages of all are the same – be tolerant, kind and understanding to everyone. I believe the school does an excellent job of informing, explaining and educating without indoctrinating. A difficult line to take but it is done very well so thank you for providing an all-round religious education.***
- *I welcome my daughter learning about religions of the world without emphasis on any one religion. In her formative years, I would like to focus on teaching her about her own religion first.*
- *As parents we feel that it is very important that all children get a chance to experience other faiths and have an understanding and acceptance of difference.*