



ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."*

[Matthew 18:20]

Aims:

- 1 To bring together students and staff for a regular act of Christian worship.
- 2 To encourage and enable students to develop a greater understanding of their faith, a vibrant relationship with God and a strong sense of their own nature and value.
- 3 To generate and foster an understanding and commitment to the Christian principles of loving God, loving others and loving self.
- 4 To fulfil the school's legal requirement to provide a daily "corporate" act of broadly and mainly Christian worship, delivered during morning registration time.

Principles:

- 1 The involvement of students in the preparation and delivery of assemblies should be encouraged.
- 2 Where it is possible, assemblies should incorporate a variety of Media; including the spoken word, music, poetry, drama, ICT etc.
- 3 Every student should take part in either a form/year or full school Act of Worship each day.

Procedures:

- 1 The Headteacher is to have overall responsibility for the weekly full school or half school assemblies. The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that all members of the Leadership Team and other appropriate staff are involved on a regular basis.
- 2 The Chaplain is to ensure that the school themes of the week form a coherent annual programme, linked to the church's liturgical year and other important events. Every assembly must include a Christian Act of Worship.
- 3 Year Leaders to be responsible for Year Assemblies and every assembly must include a Christian Act of Worship. YLs are to ensure that Form Tutors conduct assemblies on a rotational basis.
- 4 The Headteacher will monitor the implementation of this Policy and will share the evaluation of assemblies with the Governing Body through the Headteacher's Report and also with the Governor's Spiritual and Community Group.





- 5 The school Chaplain is to liaise with all staff to ensure that a bank of appropriate resource material is available for all teachers on the school intranet for the Act of Worship during tutor time.
- 6 Tutors must ensure that a daily Act of Worship is observed with their tutor group on days other than assembly days.
- 7 All staff may call on the services of the school Chaplain to help assist in the delivery of morning prayer/corporate act of worship and any assemblies.
- 8 The school will ensure that there is a weekly rota of tutor group Masses combined with whole school masses, and various other Masses throughout the year, which mean that every student will attend at least two Eucharistic services during any school year. In addition the provision of weekly Mass on a Friday is open to any student. Attendance at weekly Mass takes precedence over any other activities other than such events as examinations, or exceptional circumstances.
- 9 The School will provide opportunities for all students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent, Lent and the Summer term.

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Ratified by the Governing Body on

This policy is due for **review in March 2014**

