

ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Our Mission Statement and general aims sets out the school's ethos and values.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Through Jesus, we learn, love and grow together.

AIMS

At St Aloysius' Catholic Junior School, prayer is seen as an essential part of each school day, with the celebration of the Eucharist being the most important occasion for the whole school community to express its belief as a faith community. It is our aim that our Acts of Collective Worship provide the pupils with a time for reflection, personal prayer, teaching about the Catholic Faith and the Bible and also an opportunity to consider their place in the World and the important role each individual plays in creating a harmonious society.

PROGRAMME

There is a daily Act of Collective Worship for the whole school in the hall.

Day	Led By	Content
Monday	A teacher	Sunday's Gospel
Tuesday	Deputy Headteacher	Current Liturgical/ PSHCE/ RE/ School theme
Wednesday	Headteacher and Music teacher	The Wednesday Word Hymn practice
Thursday	Headteacher	Exploration of the Wednesday Word
Friday	A class	Current RE topic or other curriculum area

(If the hall is unavailable for the act of collective worship on any day then class teachers lead worship in their classroom.)

LINKS WITH THE PARISH

Pupils from the school attend Masses at St. Aloysius Catholic Church at the beginning and end of each Academic year. Pupils also attend mass with the Parish on Holy Days of obligation when they fall in term time. The School celebrates St Aloysius' day with a special mass in the Parish Church. Each year group leads the parish Mass on a Monday morning once a term. This is attended by their buddy year group from St Aloysius' Infant School. Special services are held at Christmas and Easter. Parents are recognised and supported as the first teachers of their children. They are given materials to promote Catholic teaching and worship in the home (The Wednesday Word) and invited to join us in our Masses, Class Assemblies and Class Masses.

MONITORING

The R.E. Subject Leader prepares rotas for Class Assemblies, Class Masses and whole school prayers.

A record is kept centrally of the themes covered in each of the Assemblies.

The Head or the RE Subject Leader support staff with the selection of themes and the resources needed.

Information is reported to the Governors by the RE Subject Leader annually.

Regular visits from the Diocesan Link RE Inspector provide an objective view on the quality of our Acts of Collective worship.

MONITORING THE POLICY

The Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team will monitor the policy by regular reviews and observations.

The Head Teacher must publicise the policy and bring it to the attention of pupils, parents and staff at least once a year.

This policy was updated by the RE subject leader and agreed in Summer 2014

Review and update by 2017

Signed.....

Chair of Governors.

Date: 2nd July 2014