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Collective Worship and Spirituality Policy English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

“Working together to provide the very best in Catholic Education”

“There is a variety of gifts but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God who gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.” 1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 7

Introduction to collective worship in our Catholic School

Collective worship at English Martyrs Catholic Primary School is concerned with the revelation of God’s presence so that praise, honour and thanksgiving may be given to Him. Collective worship is our response to God.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement that there must be a daily act of worship for all pupils. (This can take place at any time during the school day and can be either a single act of worship for all pupils, or separate acts of worship in school groups). The act of worship is distinct from RE lessons. It forms **an integral part of school life and is central to the Catholic tradition.**

In this voluntary aided Catholic School, responsibility for ensuring collective worship takes place rests with the Governing Body after consultation with the Headteacher. Those responsible will ensure that acts of worship are in accordance with the school’s instrument of governance and consistent with the rites and practices of the Catholic Church. As a Catholic school we hope that parents will be fully supportive of our approach to collective worship. However, we recognise that parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship and in such circumstances appropriate supervision arrangements would be made.

Aims of Collective Worship

Collective worship in our school community provides opportunities to:

- Deepen our relationship with God;
- Grow in spiritual, moral and liturgical understanding;
- Grow in understanding of our living faith tradition;
- Develop a sense of wonder and inspiration in the person of Christ;
- Reflect upon our own individual faith journeys,
- Develop the skills of prayer.

All acts of worship should:

- Give glory and praise to God
- Provide a quality experience for all participants
- Be clear in their liturgical focus

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Collective worship is celebrated in a variety of ways, including:

- Whole school worship
- Class worship
- Worship through hymns
- Laudate
- Mass is celebrated on Holy Days of Obligation during term time and at the beginning and end of term when possible.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is monitored as part of the RE Self-review process, which reports to the Governors on all matters relating to the religious education and practice of the school.

The following aspects are monitored:

- Time set aside for worship
- Whether the observed practice is consistent with agreed policy
- Whether collective worship is resourced in terms of materials and visual aids
- Staff development and its impact on collective worship
- Records of themes and teachings of the Catholic Church included in collective worship

Where monitoring shows that the practice of the school or this policy may need modification a recommendation will be made to the Governing Body

Communication

A copy of this policy will be sent to the Diocese and is available on the school website and from the office.

Equality of Opportunity

In light of the 2010 Equality Act, this policy has been written with due consideration to its potential impact (both positive and negative) on the many diverse groups of adults and children within the school. The school has ensured that to the best of its knowledge, the statements and procedures set out in this policy do not discriminate unjustly against any such groups or individuals.

Approved by governing body on 22nd March 2018

Signed by: *Chris Tracey* Chair of Governors

Review: Every 2 years