St Ralph Sherwin
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Federation of All Saints & St Margaret's Catholic Voluntary Academy.

Collective Worship Policy

Mission Statement

We will provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment, in which every child may achieve their full potential, valuing the variety of faith and cultural experiences in our children.
We will help children develop their relationship with God through prayer, worship and liturgy, helping them to live as good Christians.

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Collective Worship in our school

At All Saints, worship is a central part of our Christian faith. It is an integral part of our faith and school life. Through worshiping together, we celebrate God's presence in our lives. When we gather together, we honour, praise and give thanks to God. We revel in his glory and strengthen our relationship with him. Through celebrating his word, we are bearing witness to God's love and take guidance for how to live our lives. Through word and action, we bear witness to the Holy Spirit and the works and teaching of Jesus Christ.

Aims and Objectives

- To deepen, enrich and support our relationship with God.
- To actively engage students in exploring their own faith, through word and action.
- To develop and deepen our knowledge of Catholic prayer.
- To develop our knowledge of liturgy.
- To develop our knowledge of scripture and its place in liturgy.
- To develop our knowledge of the liturgical seasons and how scripture links in with the cycle.
- To develop pupils knowledge and understanding of the planning and delivery of liturgical prayer.

Legal Requirements

In line with the Education Reform Act (1988), collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.' At All Saints, all liturgical prayer and acts of worship focus on the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, following the liturgical seasons.

There is a legal requirement for all children to engage in daily acts of worship for all pupils. At All Saints, we fulfil this obligation both through pupil led and staff led acts of worship. Students engage in daily liturgical prayer.

Daily acts of worship are not designated curriculum time and will not be subsumed under any part of the curriculum, including Religious Education. Liturgical prayer falls outside of the 10% curriculum time allocated to RE as outlined by the Diocese.

Collective Worship is lived out as follows:

Pupil led – Pupils will plan and lead worships for their class using age-appropriate resources. The expectations for these worships are laid out in our 'progression of skills for Collective Worship' document. These are planned and delivered weekly.

Staff led – Staff will lead worships for their class each half term. These will focus on different types of worship such as Lectio Divina, Visio Divina and meditation.

Chaplaincy Team led – The chaplaincy team will lead the school in bi-weekly celebrations of the word. These are based on the themes found in the Extra-Ordo-Nary, with scripture linked to the weekly theme. These are planned with support of our school chaplain, using resources such as 'Let Us Pray Together'.

Chaplain led – Throughout the term, there will be various chaplain led acts of worship, based around particular days and themes which have been planned by our Chaplain. For example, All Saints Day or St Carlo Acutis Day.

Planning

Collective Worship at All Saints is planned and prepared following the liturgical seasons of the church, our RED curriculum, key dates within our school calendar and our curriculum. Acts of worship are planned around scripture which is the root of all acts of worship. Themes are then pulled from scripture to connect the worship and to support the development of our weekly mission. Careful links are made between acts of worship and the ever-changing nature of our school community, for example specific charitable endeavours or worldwide issues/events.

We aim to teach pupils the skills and knowledge needed for them to plan, prepare and deliver their own acts of worship. Pupils are given guidance and opportunity to develop these skills as they progress through school, first delivering within their own class before transitioning into the Chaplaincy team.

Delivery

At All Saints, acts of worship always begin and end with the sign of the cross and a prayer. This helps us to engage with God and keep him at the forefront of our minds when engaging with acts of worship. In all acts of worship, we endeavour to engage in an appropriate atmosphere which reflects the liturgical season we are in. All acts of worship are conducted with reverence and respect, placing God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit at the centre of our lives. A prayer table will be used as a focal point during worships, with appropriate resources linked to the theme and scripture.

Evaluation and Development

Acts of worship will be evaluated through discussion and group evaluation. Where appropriate, this will also be recorded on a liturgical evaluation sheet and stored for future reference. There will be a yearly review of the school provision to evaluate the quality of provision across our school, as well as ensuring that it continues to reflect the aims and mission of our school. This review will be conducted in partnership with our school chaplain. We are continuing to develop the quality of our worship and endeavour to engage with the needs of our community.

Resources

There are many resources available for planning Collective Worship. These are available in each classroom, with some resources available more centrally. Each classroom has a selection of resources, including bibles, books, prayers, candles, cloths, crosses, religious figures, rosary beads etc. As a school, we use 'Let Us pray Together' resources, alongside CAFOD children's liturgy resources and other school based worship resources.

Sacramental provision

At All Saints, we give all our students and staff the opportunity to take part in the sacraments as often as possible. As a school, we attend Mass at least one a term where all students are given the opportunity to receive the Eucharist.

Parental involvement

Parents and carers are always invited to school Mass, class assemblies and liturgical services throughout the year.