

# Holy Spirit Catholic Academy

*Jesus holds my hand and guides me on my  
way: The Holy Spirit Way.*

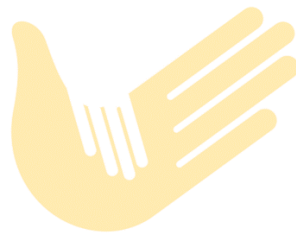


## Collective Worship Policy

## Holy Spirit Mission

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### The Holy Spirit Way



### Holy Spirit Vision

Our vision is for every child and adult to thrive and achieve their full potential - *the Holy Spirit Way*.

*The Holy Spirit Way* is to inspire and nurture:

	Christ	School	Community
<b>Respect</b>	Understand our faith and beliefs and follow the teachings of Christ	For self, others, our school, our faith and the wider community and world	Treat all others the way we would like to be treated
<b>Resilience</b>	Use prayer and reflection to deepen our connection with Christ and ourselves	By teaching self-awareness, self-regulation, perseverance, courage and a positive mind-set and attitude	Live sustainably, protecting the world and the people who live in it
<b>Love of Learning</b>	Enjoy learning about our faith, asking big questions to deepen our knowledge and understanding	Ensuring opportunities to develop curiosity, creativity and thirst for knowledge through an engaging and ambitious curriculum	Explore local and global groups and charities who support those in need
<b>Excellence and Achievement</b>	Put Christ at the centre of all we do	Through a culture of high expectations for all in teaching and learning and taking responsibility for ourselves and the whole school team	Build a worshipping community that supports and nurtures everyone in their journey of faith

### **Collective Worship Statement of intent:**

Collective Worship at Holy Spirit Catholic Academy provides opportunities for all staff and children to come together to worship God. Whilst respecting the diversity of belief and commitment, Collective Worship at our school will be Catholic in character, reflecting the liturgical tradition of the Church having Christ at its heart, where the Gospel values of our Lord Jesus Christ are taught, lived and experienced. It will take into account the religious and educational needs of all who share in it:

- Those who form part of the worshipping community in Church
- Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of Church
- Those from other Christian traditions
- Those from other faith backgrounds.

It will be an educational activity or experience.

- To which all can contribute
- From which all can gain.

“All Pupils must take have the opportunity to take part in daily “Collective Worship”  
(Education Reform Act 1988)

“Worship is concerned with reverence or veneration paid to a divine being or power.”  
(Circular 1/94)

“Worship is concerned with the glory of God.”

*Whole School Collective Worship takes place on a Monday using the previous Sunday's Gospel as a focus.*

*A Collective Worship calendar, which includes themes, set out by the RE Subject Lead is shared with all staff at the start of each term. Scripture, prayer and liturgy are used although staff are encouraged to use spontaneous opportunities to worship when they occur.*

## **Who?**

Can be led by pupils, staff and visitors, including:

- *Those who form part of the worshipping community in Church.*
- *Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of Church.*
- *Those from other Christian traditions.*
- *Those from other faith backgrounds.*

## **Why?**

*To provide collective worship opportunities for pupils and staff to come together to worship God.*

*To lead the children and staff in active participate with appropriate and well-prepared liturgies and assemblies.*

*To use a balance of quiet reflection, silence, prayers, responses, music, songs, dance, drama, video excerpts or short address.*

*To safeguard time for reflection in class, individual and groups*

*To ensure the theme, focus, delivery and resources are appropriate to the interests, age range, backgrounds and ability of pupils which reinforce positive attitudes.*

*To bring whole school together, governors, parents/carers, visitors, staff and children to enable, encourage and celebrate a sense of belonging and enrich the religious experiences of all.*

*To actively develop through the many aspects of the curriculum a spirit of awe, wonder and reverence for God's creation.*

*To encourage children to share at daily prayer times both formally and informally, reflecting on personal belief.*

## **Where?**

**“Where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20)**

Where an appropriate atmosphere is found, with a sense of order and occasion, including entry and exit.

In every classroom, hall, outside and in Church.

## **How?**

At Holy Spirit Catholic Academy, Collective Worship provides a variety of experience which include:

Can be offered as a class or phase group or whole school.

Provide a focus using artefacts, candles, symbols, music, pictures and create the appropriate atmosphere.

Ensure the theme, focus delivery, length and resources are appropriate to the age and actively encourage all to participate.

Welcome the clergy and those with other ministries, into school, work closely with them, particularly at times of shared preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist and other celebrations.

Work constantly with the parents/carers and the parish to build up effective formal and informal links between Home, Parish and school.

### **When?**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Hall (Whole School)	9:00	R - Year 6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Class/Hall/Outside <b>Mass Church</b>	Various <b>9:30</b>	R –Year 6 <b>Rotation of year groups</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Class/Hall/Outside	Various	R – Year 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Class/Hall/Outside	Various	R – Year 6
<b>Friday</b>	Hall/Zoom (Whole School)	2:30	R – Year 6

All classes take part in two weekly whole school Collective Worship. These take place on a Monday and Friday and are led by the Headteacher/SLT. Class Collective Worship is led by the class teacher or children and takes place at three times a week.

Collective Worship takes place in the school hall or the classroom and occasionally outside in the school grounds. Parents/carers are sometimes invited to take part.

## **Living out our school mission certificate award**

Where each week one child is selected by the Headteacher doing something that shows a model pupil living out our school mission statement of “Jesus holds my Hand and Guides me on my way – The Holy Spirit Way!”

### **Planning**

Collective Worship will be planned with reference to the Church’s seasons and significant dates.

Using Come and See topics, current happenings and with the flexibility to respond to changing situations within the school and wider community.

Planned in consultation with colleagues, SLT, RE Subject Lead and references to school aims and policies.

### **Recording**

Through displays, collections of pupil’s contributions, photographs, videos, hymns and prayers.

Record of themes on planning.

### **Evaluation**

By SLT and RE Subject Lead.

Throughout the school calendar by both staff and pupils with reference to the variety of Collective Worship experiences possible.

Pupil Voice.

### **Resources**

Each classroom has a collective worship display.

### **Policy Monitoring and Review:**

This policy will be monitored, evaluated and reviewed by the RE Subject Lead, the SLT and the Governing Body.

**Prayer -**

***The fruit of silence is prayer,***

***The fruit of prayer is faith,***

***The fruit of faith is love,***

***The fruit of love is service,***

***The fruit of service is peace.***

***Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.***

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**Next review due: Autumn term 2023**

**RE Subject Lead: Joanne Parkinson**

**Head teacher: Michelle Forrest**

**Chair of Governors: Fr Chris McCoy**