



SAINT JAMES'

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Headteacher: Mrs J Moore MA/BSC/QTS



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Collective worship policy

This policy has been adopted by the governing body of St James' CofE Primary School.

It will be reviewed annually or as required.

If you require more information, please contact the school office.

This policy has been developed in the context of national government and Wigan local authority guidance.

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Mission Statement

Through him we learn to live abundant lives, especially
treasuring the values of
friendship, trust, thankfulness, respect, forgiveness, hope
and courage.

Vision Statement

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has given us.

Luke 1:37 'For with God nothing shall be impossible.'

Mission Aim

At St James' CofE Primary School, the Christian
(and indeed inclusive human) values "friendship, trust,
respect, forgiveness, hope and courage" inform our whole
life together.

They were chosen in dialogue with the local community which
identified them as exceptionally meaningful and valuable.

Therefore, as a school community, we are committed to
living these out and modelling them every day in each and
every activity.



Policy aims

Through this policy we aim to ensure that we:

- Provide a daily opportunity for everyone to:
 - worship God, in the context of the Christian faith and Anglican traditions
 - consider a range of spiritual, moral and social issues
 - explore and develop their personal beliefs and values.
 - Encourage everyone to participate and respond through:
 - being actively involved in the presentation of worship.
 - listening to, taking a part in and enjoying worship.
 - having time to reflect and consider their personal responses.
- Develop a sense of community through the promotion of a common ethos.
- Support everyone in understanding and respecting other religions and traditions represented in our school community and in the wider world.
- Help everyone to appreciate and understand the spiritual dimension of human experience through the use of a range of communication forms and media, including the arts and ICT.

The Act of Collective Worship at St James' CofE Primary School

Monday:	Whole school collective worship linked to Christian calendar, our vision and values. Led by one of our worship team
Tuesday:	Key stage two collective worship reflecting upon Monday's worship. Led by one of our worship team Key stage one class prayers
Wednesday:	EYFS & Key stage one collective worship reflecting upon Monday's worship. Led by one of our worship team Key stage 2 class prayers
Thursday:	Class-based prayers
Friday:	Class-based prayers

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Monday's collective worship.

Other visitors are invited to attend, lead or take part in the act of collective worship when appropriate. These are sometimes people who explain their faith or beliefs and the importance of these in their lives.

Close liaison is maintained between St. James' with St Thomas' Church and the school. The children, staff and parents/carers attend services at the church at key points in the Church and/or school year. Where this is not possible, a service may be held in school, involving, when possible, the incumbent.

Y6 children and members of staff take part in the annual leavers' service organised by Liverpool Diocese which takes place at Liverpool Cathedral.

The themes for collective worship are organised yearly and are linked to our Christian values, as well as the church year. International, moral and social events or issues are also included as appropriate into the worship programme.

The school makes charitable donations during the year, including Wigan and Leigh hospice, the NSPCC and other charities chosen from the local area e.g. The Brick/Food bank. These donations are always celebrated at worship times.

Inclusion and equality

Everyone is encouraged to attend and take part in collective worship. Pupils needing additional support for their individual needs are provided with this appropriately in order to enable them to attend.

The right to withdraw from collective worship

Staff who do not wish to take part in collective worship for reasons of personal belief or faith have the right to inform the headteacher and can subsequently withdraw from attendance. As this is directed time, the headteacher may direct the staff member appropriately.

Parents and carers may wish to withdraw their children from collective worship for reasons of personal or family belief or faith. They should inform the headteacher of this wish in writing and it is the duty of the headteacher to ensure that such children are

supervised appropriately during the collective worship periods. Parents and carers are informed of this right in the school's annual prospectus.

Responsibilities

It is the duty of the headteacher, as collective worship leader, to ensure that a daily act of collective worship takes place, in accordance with the current law. The act of collective worship, whilst it may consider the viewpoints and values of other religions and cultures, must reflect and promote the traditions and values of the Anglican church.

It is the duty of the Governing Body to monitor the provision of collective worship at St James' CofE Primary School.

Date agreed by Governing Body: March 2018

Date to be reviewed: Annually

Signature of Chair of Governors: Mrs C. Seddon

Signature of Headteacher: Mrs J. Moore

