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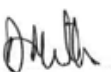


Worship Policy

FEDERATION MISSION STATEMENT

Christ The King Federation is a community called by God to work collaboratively for the common good; providing an environment that nurtures and inspires pupils to realise their potential, as we journey together.

This federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment

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1. Introduction

Within Christ the King Federation there is a vibrant worship life with ample opportunities for children's liturgies and times of prayer and reflection.

2. Aims of our Moral Education

Our pupils learn that:

- Creation is a gift from God.
- Jesus is a model for how we should live our lives. He is someone who tells us that if we are to find life, we must love God with all our hearts and our neighbour as ourselves (Luke 10: 27-28).
- The Holy Family is sacred.
- St Francis and St Joseph are the patrons of our respective schools.
- Our Lady is the mother of Jesus and ourselves.
- The apparitions of Mary fill us with hope.
- Comfort is found in the Holy Spirit.
- The saints are called by God to be holy.
- The Mass is a celebration of our faith.
- Knowledge and tolerance of other religions is the key to social harmony.

3. Implementation of Worship

The worshipping nature of our school is expressed in a variety of ways:

- Whole School Religious Assemblies
- Foundation/Key Stage1 & Key Stage 2 Good Work Assemblies.
- Eucharist
- Sacraments
- Class/whole school Prayer
- Class Masses
- Class Worship
- Class Assemblies

4. Objectives

- Worshipping together
- Reflecting on the ethos of the school and continuing traditions
- Being informed of administrative arrangements
- Reflecting on various aspects of school life
- Listening to stories
- Celebrating individual or group achievements
- Listening to visiting speakers

5. Mission Statements

St Francis Catholic Primary School

'Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'

Our aim is to make St Francis School a loving community, respecting every child and adult and caring for God's World, as we help each other to do our best and grow together in Christ.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Through our loving God we follow in the footsteps of St. Joseph who helps us to be gentle, caring and hardworking.
As we learn together, we love value and welcome everyone.

Our Mission statements are visible around the school and staff and pupils apply it to their daily routines.

6. Collective Worship

The schools within our federation engage in the following assemblies:

A whole school assembly led by a member of our Senior Leadership Team or by the upper KS2 R.E. Ambassadors. The whole school community gather together for worship.

Class worship.

The whole school worships in song as part of hymn practise.

Foundation/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Good Work Assemblies celebrate pupil's academic, social and spiritual achievements.

Daily Worship occurs in every classroom on a daily basis with prayers at lunchtime, the end of the day and the Angelus is said at midday. We also offer our morning prayer in each class at St Francis and St Joseph's School.

7. Class Worship

A prayerful atmosphere is central to our school life. Our school day begins with a prayer of hope, prayed together in class, and ends with thanksgiving. Religious icons are in situ in all classrooms and pupils face the prayer corner as a mark of respect.

A personalised prayer book and act of worship book is built up throughout the year by each class relating to their R.E. topic and relevant, seasonal issues. At different times throughout the year, children elect to attend lunchtime Rosary group and offer their private intentions.

The times for class prayer are generally 12.00pm for lunchtime prayer and 3.20 for afternoon prayer. Additional times occur within RE lessons and at the class teachers' discretion. A dedicated group of children from upper key stage 2, forming the R.E. Ambassadors lead a prayer and Bible reflections on a regular basis.

As part of the 'reflect' section of the Come and See religious education we follow, the pupils also help to plan and lead a 'Collective Worship' which take place in classrooms.

8. Masses

The schools regularly attend Mass with the wider parish community. We celebrate the Eucharist throughout the liturgical year. Other services are held throughout the year which are led by the parish priest and senior members of staff.

9. Prayer

Formal prayer is said each morning, lunchtime and afternoon in every class:

Morning Prayer

O my God you love me,
You are with me night and day.
I want to love you always,
In all I do and say.
I'll try to please you Father,
Bless me/Help me through the day. Amen.

St Francis Lunchtime Prayer

Infants

All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above,
O thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all his love. Amen

Lunchtime Prayer

Bless us O Lord as we sit together.
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us O Lord. Amen

Home time prayer

God Our Father I come to say,
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family,
And all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night,
And in the morning send your light. Amen.

Liturgical Prayer

Some of these are displayed in the school hall and are explained and practised for liturgies, for example, our school prayer.

Reflective prayer

This is a regular feature of assemblies, R.E. lessons and times of worship in the classroom. The termly R.E. themes and topics are displayed on a main hall board - and incorporate relevant prayers and reflections.

10. Hymn Practise

Hymn practise is led by the Music Teacher or Music Subject Leader, who liaises with the R.E. subject leader, and assisted by other staff members. The focus is usually preparation for forthcoming Masses and religious feast days or celebrations.

11. Display

In every classroom there is a display relevant to the Come and See topic. Vocabulary, children's work and prayers are features of R.E. displays. There is always an R.E. display in the hall and on the notice board beside the office. Artefacts are used as a focus to enhance displays.

12. Liaison with the Parish

The Parish Priest is a welcome visitor to our school and regularly leads us in whole school/shared assemblies, class Masses, prayer services and staff inset.

13. Liaison with Parents

- A termly newsletter is distributed to parents outlining topics to be taught during the term.
- Parents are invited to attend class Masses.
- Parents are invited to attend class Assemblies etc.

14. Retreats

Staff

A retreat day is held where staff are led in prayer, reflection, team building exercises and discussions. This has included staff visiting a local House of Prayer, inspirational speakers coming to our school and providing an opportunity for staff to take some time to reflect.

Pupils

Year 6 have a one day retreat lead by a team from Walsingham House prior to leaving school. It is usually organised by the current teacher assigned to that year group.

15. School Liaison

Staff

At the start of each new term the R.E. subject leader leads the staff in a reflective overview of the Come and See topics. At that point he/she may speak to staff about current diocesan directives.

Governors

The R.E. subject leader reports back to governors. The parish priest is instrumental in overseeing the provision for R.E. and Worship and visits the school frequently.

16. Brentwood Education Services

A notice board is well placed in the staffroom outlining forthcoming diocesan events. An overview of the Come and See topics is also displayed outlining notable dates for worship in our Catholic calendar.

17. Conclusion

Acts of worship take many forms in our school and are seen as a priority. Pupils enjoy having the opportunity to lead and participate fully in all forms of worship throughout the school.