

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**HINDLEY GREEN**



*Grow in the spirit of love and learning*

**POLICY FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**  
**Incorporating the prayers leaflet**

**June 2018**

## *Collective Worship*

### **Our Mission**

***"Grow in the spirit of love and learning"***

Our Mission is to put our Catholic faith at the centre of everything we do

to value and respect each individual to inspire a love of learning

harness a natural curiosity to develop a thirst for knowledge

to prepare our children for opportunities and responsibilities in the  
adult world

To share our talents at the heart of the local and wider community

*Finally We will cherish the Christian values of forgiveness, love, care and respect for others, especially the more vulnerable, encouraging a love of learning and a zest for life.*

Collective worship at Sacred Heart provides opportunities for pupils and staff to come together to worship God. It will have Christ at its heart and, while respecting diversity of belief and commitment, will be Catholic in character, reflecting the liturgical tradition of the church. It will take into account the religious 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 encourage participation and response through active involvement in the presentation or through listening to and joining in the worship offered. It will be related to the 'day to day life, aspirations, and concerns of the school.' (Education Reform Act 1988 (58)).

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## Safeguarding Children

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary school is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children, staff and visitors and promoting a climate where children and adults will feel confident about sharing any concerns which they may have about their own safety or the well-being of others. We aim to safeguard and promote the welfare of children by protecting them from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

The School's Safeguarding policy draws upon duties conferred by the Children Acts 1989 and 2004, The Children and Families Act 2014, S175 of the 2002 Education Act, and the guidance contained in "Working Together to Safeguard Children", the DfE's statutory guidance "Keeping children safe in education", Guidance and procedures produced by the Wigan Safeguarding Children Board. We also have regard to the advice contained in DfE's "What to do if you're worried a child is being abused" and "Information Sharing - Advice for practitioners". The policy is applicable to all on and off-site activities undertaken by pupils whilst they are the responsibility of the School.

## Aims of the school

Through our worship together we aim to:

- Promote a common ethos and shared values,
- Develop community spirit,
- Reflect on spiritual and moral issues,
- Build a firm foundation for liturgy,
- Enrich the religious experience of all members of the school community

But above all to help staff and children develop a sense of the presence of God in their lives, reflect on and respond to this presence through:

- Taking time out to 'wonder at',
- Mark as special,
- Give worth to,
- Respond to and celebrate life experiences.

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## Who

- The Headteacher will ensure that collective worship is provided for each child every day,
- Class teachers plan and enable collective worship to take place each day,
- Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in and plan daily collective worship.
- Where

Collective Worship should take place

- In school hall
- Within the class setting
- In the open
- In Church

## When

It should occur at the most appropriate time for the class/key stage to ensure that it is a meaningful and prayerful opportunity for all participants.

## How

Leader: it can be led by:

- Headteacher
- Class teacher
- Pupils
- Visitor(s)

It should:

1. Provide a variety of experience through using a balance of:
  - Quiet reflection/silence
  - Prayer/responses
  - Music/songs/hymns
  - Drama/dance
  - Slides/videos
  - Short address
2. Ensure the name, focus, delivery, length and resources are appropriate to the interests, age range, backgrounds and ability of the pupils,

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3. Set an appropriate atmosphere with a sense of order and occasion, including entry and exit,
4. Provide a focus using artefacts, candles, symbols and lighting,
5. Respect the freedom of pupils and staff in the invitation to prayer and worship,
6. Ensure the possibility of conscious active participation of all present,
7. Be offered for a class/year/key stage/whole school.

### **Planning**

Planning should take place with reference to:

- School aims and policies,
- RE themes
- Church's seasons and significant dates,
- The whole curriculum,
- National world events.

All planning should be flexible in order to respond to changing situations within the school and wider community.

Children are encouraged to help plan and lead collective worship.

The liturgical plan of:

Gather

Listen

Respond

Go Forth

Is used as a basis for planning assemblies and class Collective Worship.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Monitoring of Collective worship is part of the schools cycle of monitoring and evaluation.

This is agreed by staff and governors at the beginning of each academic year and is recorded in Headteachers reports, Curriculum minutes and the RE SED

Regular evaluation by staff and pupils is encouraged

Collective worship will be monitored through:

- Plans
- Display
- Pupil Discussions
- Observations
- Team teaching / sharing good practise
- Prayers/reflections
- Photographs

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## Opportunities provided for collective worship

### Collective Worship:

( once a week each department will hold collective worship together in the hall, currently that is Monday for Infants and Thursday for Juniors)

Monday	-	Infant Dept. together
Tuesday	-	within class setting
Wednesday	-	Within class setting
Thursday	-	KS2 department together
Friday	-	Whole school assembly led by Headteacher

- **Parents have the right to withdraw their child from daily collective worship**

### Masses

There will be a series of masses throughout the year to which parents will be invited. These may be for whole school or individual classes.

Whole School	-	Seasonal assemblies & masses will also take place for Harvest, Christmas & Easter.
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### Leavers

A special Mass is celebrated at the end of the academic year, which recalls the children's journey through our school and points them towards their future lives in Secondary School.

### Parish Sacramental Programme

In line with Liverpool Archdiocese our Year 4 children are prepared by the parish to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, confirmation and Eucharist

### Review

This policy will be reviewed on two year basis but maybe changed/updated at anytime, following discussions with staff, so that always remains a workable document.

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### **Appendix 1**

#### **Collective worship websites for daily prayer**

All feature a prayer for the day and a thought for the day and some have pictures or podcasts or video to enhance

[www.stcuthberts.com](http://www.stcuthberts.com)

[www.recuthies.co.uk](http://www.recuthies.co.uk)

[www.todayismygifttoyou.ie](http://www.todayismygifttoyou.ie)

[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

[www.taize.fr/en](http://www.taize.fr/en)

[www.prayingeachday.org.uk](http://www.prayingeachday.org.uk)

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## Appendix 2

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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## Selection of School Prayers

### School Prayer

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus  
I implore  
The grace to love you  
Daily more and more

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus  
I place all my trust in you  
O Sacred Heart Of Jesus  
Have mercy on me

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### **Morning offering suggestions**

Loving Father all this day  
Bless me in my work and play  
Bless the good I need to do  
Bless me do it Lord for you  
Bless the people I shall meet  
Give me loving hands and feet  
Quick to help and quick to do  
All I can for love of you  
Amen

"Oh my God, I give to you,  
all that I think and say and do.  
All my work and happy play,  
I will give to you today."

Jesus, friend of little children  
At the start of this new day  
Be my guide and help me  
In my work and in my play.  
Amen

Help me love, help me care, help me smile, help me share.  
Help me give, help me grow, help me laugh, help me know.

Loving Father, all this day  
Help me in my work and play  
Help me to do the things I should,  
To be to others kind and good.  
In all I do, at work or play  
To be more loving every day. Amen

Thank you God for this new day  
In our school to work and play  
Please be with me all day long  
In every story, game and song  
May all the happy things we do  
Make you our father happy too.

Angel of God, my Guardian Dear  
To whom His love commits me here

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Ever this day, be at my side,  
To light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen

## Grace before meals

"Bless us O Lord and bless our food.  
Bless those who have cooked it for us.  
And please help us, to help those that have none."

Bless us, O Lord,  
and these your gifts,  
which we are about to receive  
from your goodness,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Thank you for the world so sweet  
Thank you for the food we eat  
Thank you for the birds that sing  
Thank you God for everything  
Amen\_

Bless us O God as we sit together  
Bless the food we eat today  
Bless the hands that made the food  
Bless us O God. Amen.  
Thank you o God

Bless us, O Lord,  
and these your gifts,  
which we're about to receive from your bounty.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

For the food we are about to receive  
May the Lord make us truly thankful.  
Amen

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### **Grace After Meals**

We give you thanks,  
Almighty God,  
for these and all the gifts  
we have received  
from your goodness,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Thank you God for the food that we have eaten  
Let children everywhere have just as much to thank you for  
Please Lord hear our prayer.

### **End of day prayers**

Hands together softly so,  
Little eyes shut tight.  
Father, just before we go hear our prayers tonight.  
Amen

Now the day is over we lift our hands and say  
Thank you Heavenly Father for today  
We're sorry for the wrong things  
But glad about the right  
Keep us heavenly Father  
In your love tonight.

Help me Jesus  
Know Your ways  
Through the night  
Through the days  
Give me love  
To show a friend  
You're always there  
You never end.

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Thank you for Mum  
Thank you for Dad  
Thank you for Jesus  
Who makes me glad  
Thank you for rain  
And for sunshine above  
But I thank you most  
For your wonderful love

"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"

## **Blessings**

May there always be work for  
your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

The peace of the running water to you,  
The peace of the flowing air to you,  
The peace of the quiet earth to you,  
The peace of the shining star to you,  
And the love and the care of all of us to you