

# St Saviour's RC Primary School

*Pray Together, Learn Together, Stronger Together in Jesus*



## Collective Worship Policy

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## Mission Statement:

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## Introduction:

The Collective Worship Policy of St. Saviour's School links with the School Religious Education Policy.

## Aims:

To ensure that all children and staff at St. Saviour's School have the opportunity to worship as a collective body, expressing faith in a corporate belief.

To conduct a co-operative and open-ended search for truth.

To help children develop:

- understanding, sympathy and respect for other people
- an acute sense of right and wrong
- independence of thought and action
- a strong sense of community and the individual's responsibility to it
- a sense of wonder about themselves and the world they live in, and to encourage their desire to find out more about it.

To celebrate with them the good news as a counter to the bad news that is so often around us.

To help the liturgical formation of the children by celebrating, using Bible stories, silence, community praise, song drama etc.

## Ways in which we provide the opportunities for Collective Worship:

- a) As a collective body in Whole School Assembly
- b) Key Stage Assemblies
- c) Class Assemblies
- d) During Whole School Masses at the beginning and end of term, and on Holy Days of Obligation
- e) Class / Key Stage Masses
- f) Paraliturgies and other prayer services linked to topics or liturgical seasons
- g) Joyful celebrations of Easter and Christmas
- h) Beginning and ending everyday with prayer
- i) Grace before meals
- j) Celebrating 'Come and See' topics through Mass, Liturgies or Assembly.

## **Assemblies – (School Hall)**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Lead by:</u></b>
Monday	Whole School Awards Assembly	9.10 – 9.25 a.m.	Mr. Houson
Tuesday	Key Stage 1 or KS2 (alternate weeks)	9.10 – 9.25 a.m.	Staff on rotation
Wednesday	Class Assembly	9.10 – 9.25 a.m.	Classes by rotation
Thursday`	KS1/KS2 Hymn Practice (alternate weeks)	9.10 – 9.30 a.m.	Staff on rotation
Friday	Whole School Celebration Assembly	1.30 – 2.00 p.m.	Mr. Houson

The content of Assemblies is often linked to ‘Come and See’. They may include the lives of Saints and famous people, the Liturgical calendar, Parables and Bible Stories to develop the moral, spiritual and social responsibilities of the children. The Monday ‘Awards’ Assembly and the Friday Class Assembly allow children to celebrate their special gifts and talents and to inform us of their classwork and other activities.

From time to time visitors will be invited to take part in / or lead the Assemblies being held in the School. Every effort will be made to ensure that their content is relevant and suitable for the Key Stage that they are addressing.

Parents are invited to Class Assemblies (Wednesday).

**Class Assemblies:** This assembly should focus on a ‘Come & See’ or gospel theme and last no longer than 15 minutes. Although the majority of the class should be involved this is not essential e.g: some younger pupils may be more anxious taking part than left out. All pupils should carry their reading ‘parts’ with them regardless of them claiming to have learnt them off by heart – a rehearsal is often very different from the actual assembly itself. Comedy drama should be avoided and pupils who are unable/unwilling to speak in public should be given minimal involvement until their confidence develops.

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