



# Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Responsible for Policy:	Cardinal Wiseman Local Governing Body
Date Approved:	9 October 2019
Cycle of Review:	3 years
Next Review Date:	October 2022

The school is named after Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman who became the first Cardinal upon the re-establishment of the Catholic hierarchy in England and Wales in 1850. His coat of arms is displayed on every student's blazer. The motto is 'All things for Christ' therefore faith is at the heart of everything we do, as well as recognising that we are all made in the image of God.

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for students to:

- Worship God and come together as a praying community.
- Reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs.
- Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values.
- Consider spiritual and moral issues.
- Respond to the worship offered.
- Celebrate the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

### **STATUTORY DUTY OF SCHOOL**

All maintained schools provide daily collective worship for registered students (apart from those who have been **withdrawn by their parents**). This is usually provided within a daily assembly.

The Principal / Head of School is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the Academy Representatives. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the students. However, if it is inappropriate for some or all of the students to take part in Christian collective worship, the Principal may apply to the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for a determination to have this requirement lifted.

Collective worship in foundation schools with a religious character and voluntary schools will be in accordance with the school's trust deed. Where provision is not made by a trust deed, the worship should be in accordance with the beliefs of the religion or denomination specified for the school.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time, will:

- Be reflective of the school's Catholic Christian values and inclusive of other world faiths, where appropriate, in light of the ethos of mutual respect and shared values.
- Involve the students and be led by them where appropriate.
- Include a variety of elements and different forms of prayer.

### **MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

The school will review this policy every three years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

**MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN  
CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

<b>Collective Worship</b>	<b>Led by</b>	<b>Monitored and Evaluated by</b>
Year Assemblies	Students of rotating Forms	Year Heads
Year Assemblies	Heads of Year	Key Stage Leads
Year Assemblies on Catholic Life	Lay Chaplain	PICCLS
Form Time	Students	Heads of Year/SLT
Year Masses and Liturgical Services	Lay Chaplain /students	SLT/PICCLS
Whole School Masses	Students/Lay Chaplain/SLT	PICCLS

The above table illustrates whom typically will evaluate collective worship within school. However, it should be stressed that this will be the routine responsibility of those listed which can be supplemented at times by other individuals such as Link Directors and members of the Senior Leadership Team, as needs demand. The Collective Worship events are timetabled and as such is not an exhaustive list; there will be other ad hoc events that can also be monitored and evaluated.

Monitoring and Evaluation will be recorded within a consistent pro-forma (Chaplaincy Collective Act of Worship Monitoring Form, page 4). These will be collated by the PICCLS and submitted on a routine basis to the SIB/LGB Board. Copies can also be recorded and maintained for the evidence file for Section 48 and monitoring visits. Resources of outstanding examples of Collective Worship can also be submitted to the SIB/LGB and other parties that demonstrate best practice.



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## Chaplaincy Collective Act of Worship Monitoring Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is leading the collective act of worship? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the theme of the collective act of worship? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they...	Yes	No
Create a prayerful atmosphere?		
Make the sign of the cross?		
Use IT?		
Involve the students?		
All say a group prayer?		
Have time to be silent and reflect?		
Allow students to say their own prayers?		
Use the Bible?		
Use the senses?		

Was the theme mostly.....(please tick)

Asking

Saying Sorry

Thanking

Praising

EBI	WWW

Any other comments about the collective act of worship:

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