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**Saints Peter and Paul  
Catholic Primary School**



**Collective Worship  
Academic Year 2022-25**

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## Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School

### Mission Statement

Saints Peter and Paul is a school where we learn together to be the best that we can be through individuality and our gospel values like Jesus taught us.

#### **OUR AIMS:**

We seek to provide an education which enables each person to reach their true potential by:

1. Planning and delivering enriched teaching and learning experiences, closely matched to children's needs by assessing, monitoring and evaluating our provision.
2. Delivering outstanding Religious Education through a well taught and resourced Come and See programme
3. Offering a range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities e.g. choir, guitar, football, multi-sports, netball and drama.
4. Providing continuous professional development for staff both individually and collectively.
5. Working with our governors as they support, challenge and guide our school.

Our culture and ethos are based on gospel values of love, care and respect, where individuality is encouraged and celebrated. To achieve this, we will:

1. Value the gifts, talents, successes and endeavor of everyone within our whole school community.
2. Be positive role models who treat each other equally and fairly to work together for the good of all.
3. Provide opportunities for the spiritual and moral development for our community e.g. *quality Collective Worship, time for reflection and contemplation and Come and See for Yourself, code of conduct, rewards etc.*

#### **Partnership**

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We aim to work in partnership with our families and Parish Community by:

1. Welcoming all visitors warmly and sincerely
2. Actively encouraging Home-school relationships in order that each child's education is the best possible.
3. Developing links with the Parish of Saints Peter and Paul and serving our local and wider community by promoting justice and fairness through raising awareness and supporting charities eg Cafod, Foodbank and Children in Need etc

### **CHILDREN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

In our school:

We will work together, try our best and live as Jesus taught us by showing love, care and respect.

#### **Why Collective Worship?**

- to provide opportunities for pupils and staff to come together to worship God;
- to provide an enriching and positive religious experience, where children become active participants developing in their faith journey;
- to develop a greater sense of who they are within the home, parish and wider community;
- to provide opportunities for those children where school may be their first experience of church;
- to provide an awareness of other Christian traditions and faith backgrounds.

#### **Responsibility of Collective Worship**

- GOVERNORS have the responsibility of agreeing on a policy statement for Collective Worship after consulting with the Headteacher;
- HEADTEACHER role is to ensure that an act of Collective Worship is provided for every child daily (Noted on class timetables);
- TEACHERS plan and enable Collective Worship to take place each day, sometimes acting upon a child's initiation;
- PARENTS can be invited to participate in Collective Worship (particularly a celebration of Come and See topic);
- PUPILS must have the opportunity to take part in daily Collective Worship and may initiate their own for the class.

#### **Collective Worship at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School**

At Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School our acts of Collective Worship occur on a daily basis for every child within the school in a number of ways.

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## **Collective Worship in the Classroom**

Daily acts which vary in duration and time of day, depending on the ages of the children involved:

Foundation Stage: 3-4 minutes

Key Stage 1: 5-7 minutes

Key Stage 2: 7-11 minutes

They may be teacher-led or generated by class discussion, thoughts, prayers, singing and/or reflection. They may be initiated by individual children too.

- creating a sense of unity and belonging;
- sharing real-life experiences (e.g. weather, natural world);
- offering a reflective experience where children may contribute;
- answering the "Big Questions."

Teachers and pupils use the format provided by the Christian Education Department:

**GATHER – LISTEN – RESPOND – GO FORTH**

## **Collective Worship through whole school gatherings**

Whole School Assemblies:

- Headteacher and Key Stage Leads lead Collective Worship, including themes linked to Come and See or themes around the liturgical calendar. These include responses to Scripture, Staff ensure that there is a "Go Forth" so that the theme is continued the week by all pupils and staff;
- Class-led assemblies which celebrate Come and See topics or special seasonal assemblies (Harvest, Advent, etc).

Class-led assemblies

Using the Come and See topics, each class leads an assembly through the academic year. The R.E.co-ordinator ensures each class knows which topic/theme they will lead.

The teacher plans with the children from the work done during the topic (if relevant to Come and See) so that they are directly involved in their own Collective Worship.

The assemblies:

- Develop a sense of purpose, sharing with a wider audience;
- Bring Come and See together – other year groups gain a new understanding of the topic;
- Celebrate and develop gifts – public speaking, acting, singing, etc;
- Welcome family/wider community, helping our commitment to community cohesion.

## **Collective Worship through Liturgy**

We will endeavour to include our Parish Priest, Father Mark, in special Masses/liturgies during the year. On these occasions, school, families and parishioners come together.

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The R.E. co-ordinator usually prepares these celebrations in consultation with the Headteacher and priest.

### **Collective Worship through the Liturgical Year**

Easter – celebrated using relevant Come and See topic but supplemented with special class- led assemblies

Christmas – Traditional Carol Service in church with readings, singing, acting

### **We will begin to introduce ‘Stay and Pray’**

The school community will be invited to year group or class Stay and Pray events. They will take place during Rejoice at the end of every topic. They will take place in a variety of places including the classroom, hall, playground etc. Governors, parents and family members will be encouraged to join in these pray times to enrich their own prayer and spirituality.

### **Adult Liturgy**

Staff participate in “Come and See for Yourself,” prayer and reflection time. This takes place at the beginning of each Come and See Topic, generally at the start of key stage planning meetings. Staff leave their thoughts and reflections as a display for the children to gather around during each topic.

### **Monitoring Collective Worship**

The Headteacher and R.E. Co-ordinator are responsible for the monitoring of Collective Worship throughout the school. Staff may be encouraged to share good practice with colleagues. Oral feedback is given to all teachers for professional development, highlighting strengths and areas to develop.

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