



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

St John's Catholic Comprehensive School

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**Excellence for all
Service to others
Inspired by Christ**

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Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to enshrine the spiritual principles and aims to be fulfilled in our collegiate service to the young people of the school. They are to be central to our Catholic ethos, our relationship with the students, our teaching, procedures and infrastructure, guidance and disciplines well as chaplaincy work. Strategic planning and significant change should be tested against these principles and aims.

Principles

This policy exists in the context of a broader Christian vision that inspires Catholic schools and colleges in all that they do:

1. That every young person and every adult is a unique image of God
2. That we are invited by God to nurture the life of the Spirit in one another as children of God, so that we become 'more like Christ', fully human and fully alive
3. That Catholic schools exist to support parents as first educators of their children in faith
4. And to participate in the mission of the Church to spread the good news of Jesus Christ

All of the school's activity, implicitly or explicitly, is inspired by the call of Christ for all to become fully human.

Aims

- A. To nurture the spiritual development of each pupil
- B. To foster knowledge of God through the person of Jesus Christ
- C. To provide opportunities for the development of a personal relationship with God
- D. To foster a mature understanding of prayer, from the Christian perspective, and provide opportunity for a variety of formal and informal prayer experience
- E. To help pupils to understand and participate in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church
- F. To experience a sense of loyalty and belonging to a worshipping Christian community
- G. To encourage a responsible and generous social and moral conscience
- H. To fulfil statutory and diocesan requirements