

SMALLWOOD MANOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL

POLICY FOR WORSHIP

Smallwood Manor is an incorporated School of the Woodard Corporation. The School is therefore deeply rooted within the Anglican tradition with a full-time ordained Anglican Chaplain and its own modern Chapel.

The planning and delivering of worship is a central part of the spiritual life of the whole school community. The spiritual life of the school is understood as cross-curricular and permeating all school activities. Pupils, staff and parents are encouraged to see the worshipping life of the school as the corporate expression of the wider spiritual life of the community.

All pupils and teaching staff are required to attend Chapel services.

Aims: -

1. To provide a gentle nurturing in the Christian faith.
2. To provide a daily act of worship and a weekly Eucharist, which is meaningful to pupils, staff and parents.
3. To prepare pupils and staff for Baptism and Confirmation.

Guidelines to meet aims set: -

1. By regular use of the bible as a source book for inspiration and learning.
2. By reflecting upon Christian symbols and their use in worship.
3. By observing the cycle of the Anglican year.
4. By participating in the regularity and set order of Anglican worship.
5. By using a collection of collects, prayers, hymns and psalms, which creates a framework for worship within the school.
6. By learning traditional responses and prayers, which express the essential beliefs of Christians throughout the ages.
7. By providing opportunities to discover the value of meditation and silence within the context of Christian worship.
8. By recognising that the Anglican communion has strong commitment to ecumenism.
9. By experiencing the bond of community, which encompasses gender, age and ethnicity and respects the religious diversity.
10. By sharing in a commitment to dialogue with other faiths.

Evaluation

The Chaplain reviews the planning of worship on a regular basis. The Provost visits the school termly and inspects the worship formally or informally, when the need arises.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety must always be considered when carrying out any activities. If there is a conflict between a policy, procedure or scheme of work and a Health and Safety consideration, the latter will always take precedence.

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