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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Rochdale Islamic Academy, is a school founded on Islamic principles, aims to provide the students with a learning environment which nurtures and strengthens their faith (IMAAAN) to build a firm foundation for future development and involvement as active members of the Islamic Sunni faith of society as a whole, according to the Quran and Sunnah. Each school day will start with assembly. These are based on activities that focus on aspects of Islam and moral issues. They will also be used to promote and celebrate achievement. In addition to the morning assembly all students must participate in Zohar Salaah, (collective worship) which will take place daily.

PURPOSE

This policy provides a framework and guidance for staff to deliver the statutory requirement for collective worship.

THE AIMS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT ROCHDALE ISLAMIC ACADEMY,

The school will ensure that:

- There are assemblies for each year group every week

- The themes for the assemblies address moral, social, religious and cultural issues.
- Students are given the opportunity to offer obligatory prayers (Salaah) at school.

Collective worship makes an important contribution to the spiritual, moral and cultural development of students. It provides students with an opportunity : -

- To worship Allah (God)
- To reflect on values that are of a broadly Islamic nature and on their own beliefs
- A celebration of their own and other people's achievement.
- To Say sorry/ask for forgiveness
- To empathise with those less fortunate than themselves
- To develop a community spirit
- To understand what it means to live in a multi-faith society.
- To understand their roles and responsibilities as a Muslim
- To consider spiritual, moral and social issues.

THE APPROACH TO COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT ROCHDALE ISLAMIC ACADEMY

The acts of collective worship are planned to give pupils a variety of experiences to enable them to reflect on, and respond to, things which we, as a school community, believe are important.

These experiences will include:

- Current affairs
- The telling of appropriate stories (Islamic, moral, multi-cultural)
- Role plays
- Recitation of nasheeds
- Recitation of the Quraan
- Poetry

THE ORGANISATION OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT ROCHDALE ISLAMIC ACADEMY,

There is an act of Collective worship every day following the pattern shown below, These are delivered by teachers on a rota basis.

Monday	whole school	Class teachers
Tuesday	whole school	Class Teachers
Wednesday	whole school	Class Teachers
Thursday	Quraan Reading	Class Teacher
Friday	Quraan Reading	Headteacher

The acts of worship follow themes designed by staff that support the aims of the school. The current year's themes are displayed on the staff notice board. While staff are encouraged to follow these, allowances are made for marking festivals or other newsworthy events.

ZOHAR SALAAH

All students offer their Salaah congregationally at school; this may follow on immediately after lunch or preceding period 6 in the afternoon (varies during the summer and winter months) Those students unable to offer Salaah (students on their menses are exempt from obligatory prayers) will use the time to read Islamic literature, to do Dhikr (remembrance of Allah) or to contemplate.

IMPLEMENTATION

Collective worship will: -

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- Include a variety for elements at different times
- Involve the pupils

RESOURCES FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

These are available in the Prayer room and from the Headteacher.

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The Headteacher will monitor the implementation of this policy and review it every two years. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.