

Dear Parents

A number of parents have requested that the school allow the pupils to carry out their daily prayers during school hours. Lynch Hill School is, of course, committed to ensuring that pupils of all faiths are respected and allowed the freedom to express their faith. With this in mind, the school is proposing the following arrangements:

1. Since children are only obliged to pray once they are at the age of puberty, prayers are only open to Years 5 & 6 pupils. These arrangements will begin from 9th January 2017 and will be for a trial period only. We will review these arrangements in the Summer term.
2. Prayer time will be from 12.45pm to 1.00pm in the Year 4 block. This will allow pupils to be dismissed from class, wash themselves and pray before having their lunch.
3. Pupils can cleanse their face, head, mouth and hands in the toilets in the Year 4 block. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a separate area to carry out the full cleaning ritual.
4. Prayers will be overseen by Mrs Khan, a parent volunteer who is currently working in the school.
5. Pupils are expected to pray and have their lunch all within their normal lunchtime. They will also be expected to attend these prayers on a daily basis.

We hope that the arrangements above will allow your child to practice their faith freely. If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the slip below and return to the class as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Mrs Sehgal at the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Gillian Coffey OBE
Executive Headteacher

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Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

I would like my child to attend the daily prayers.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date: _____