

Multi-Faith Reflection room guidance

Introduction

This policy governs the conduct of the multi faith reflection room in the school.

Hodge Hill College recognises that staff and students attending the school will follow many different faiths or none and come from a wide variety of cultural and religious backgrounds. Hodge Hill College is committed to providing opportunities for staff and students to balance their faith requirements with the competing demands of work and study.

Hodge Hill College wishes to encourage the promotion of integration, understanding and mutual respect in school life for all students and staff and we will seek to provide opportunities and facilities for those who wish to reflect on the relevance of their religious faith, practices and beliefs to their educational or working experience.

Hodge Hill College is aware of its responsibilities under The Equality Act 2010 and the inclusion of Religion and Belief as protected characteristics. This is reflected in our Equality Policy.

Multi faith reflection room

This is in the room just off the Headteachers corridor on the ground floor level. The room can be used by staff and students and offers a quiet space for prayer and reflection. We have a duty to foster good relations between people of all faiths and none. Users of this room should show consideration towards people with other beliefs and use the room in a manner which is least restrictive to other users.

Practicalities

- No food or drink are to be consumed in the room.
- The room is available to pupils during their break times.
- In order to allow space for individual reflection a maximum of 14 pupils will be permitted in the room at any one time.
- Users of the room should be silent when inside the room. The room should be used for individual reflection/prayer. There should be no group worship within the room.
- The multi faith reflection room is supervised by the member of staff on break duty in West Foyer.

Usage

Use of the school's Multi Faith Room must be lawful, for example, this must comply with the school's Prevent duty under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. Any issues or concerns around possible inappropriate use of the Multi-faith Reflection Room should be reported promptly to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or the member of staff on break duty in West Foyer.