

Multi-faith Reflection Room - Consent Form

Lordswood Girls' School 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. We have a duty to foster good relations between people of all faiths and none. The following rules will therefore apply to all students utilising the multi-faith reflection room:

- Users of the multi-faith reflection room should show consideration towards people with other beliefs and use the room in a manner which is least restrictive to other users.
- It is permissible for users to take hand held objects into the rooms to aid personal prayer or meditation such as prayer beads, prayer or meditation cards, small prayer mats, hand held books, but no items larger than this. It is not permitted to leave these items within the rooms itself; all users must take personal items with them after use. These items should be stored in bags or lockers when not in the room.
- Any personal possessions left in the room will be removed.
- The room should be left tidy after use.
- No candles/incense can be used in the room.
- People of some faiths cannot pray in rooms where imagery, signs, icons or written materials from other religions are displayed. Therefore students are not permitted to display posters or leave leaflets in the multi-faith reflection room.
- Users of the room should be silent when within the room.
- The room should be used for individual reflection/prayer. There should be no group worship within the room.
- The use of electronic devices is not permitted in the room, this includes the playing of music.
- The school will not permit any form of discrimination against, or harassment of, students on religious or cultural grounds, as such we will not permit students or staff at the school to make any unwelcome attempt to convert another person to a particular religious faith or ideological view, or to act against another because of differences of view.
- Prayer/reflection is a personal choice. Students should not pass comment on students who choose to or not to utilise the room for reflection/prayer.
- No food/drink is to be consumed within the room.
- Students must show their 'pass' to gain access to the room.
- The room will only be open for use at lunchtimes.
- The room is not available at other times of the day due to the multi-functional usage of the room and the requirement of staff to provide adequate supervision.
- The room will be available for females only during the first lunch sitting (13:15-13:35 all days except Wednesday when the time will be 12:55-13:15).
- The room will be available for males only during the second lunch sitting (13:35-14:00 all days except Wednesday when the time will be 13:15 - 13:40)
- In order to allow space for individual reflection a maximum of 5 students will be permitted in the room at any time.
- If the room is 'full' please wait in an orderly queue outside the room until a space becomes available.

- Students are welcome to stay in the room for the duration of their allocated lunch sitting unless there is a queue of students waiting to use the room. If this is the case, we ask students to limit their time in the room to 5min

Any students found not to be following the rules listed above will have the privilege removed for the remainder of the academic year and may find themselves subject to sanctions as described in the school's behaviour policy.

Reply slip: Multi-faith reflection room

Name: _____

Review Group: _____

Student

I confirm that I have read and understood the rules relating to the use of the Multi-faith reflection room. I agree to abide by the rules and understand that failure to follow these conditions may result in my pass being revoked.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Carer

I confirm that I have read and understood the rules relating to the use of the Multi-faith reflection room. I have discussed the need to abide by the rules with my child and understand that failure to follow these conditions may result in their pass being revoked.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Once completed this form should be returned to student reception who will arrange for a pass to be prepared.