



## Parental Permission for Student to Participate in a Prayer Group

As a result of the new Department of Education, *Religious Education Implementation Procedures*, there are new requirements that need to be met before prayer groups are permitted to operate in schools. Voluntary religious activities and prayer groups are not part of special religious education, but may operate under the auspices and supervision of the principal.

Principals in their supervision of voluntary religious activities and prayer groups must ensure that:

- parental permission is obtained
- appropriate child protection checks and practices in relation to any volunteers coming from outside the school
- the content of the activities undertaken are monitored
- students or members of religious persuasions do not engage in attempts to proselytise or convert non-adherents of their religion to their faith in the course of school authorised activities.

The prayer group that currently meets at GHS is conducted by the students. The students in the group have organised prayer and a sermon on Fridays.

Please indicate your permission for your child to participate in prayer groups by completing the permission section on the following page. The completed permission page needs to be handed to the prayer group representative by your child before he/she attends any further prayer group meetings.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Sonja Anderson  
Principal

**Prayer Meeting**

**Time:** Lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Location:** A Block

**Who is invited:** Members of the Islamic community who wish to pray

**Typical Agenda:** Sermon and prayer

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in a student organised prayer group which operates each week. I understand that this prayer group operates during lunch breaks and that no class time will be missed as a result. I also understand that this group is regularly supervised by a member of the school's staff.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_