



Parental Permission for Student to participate in a religious activity

As a result of the new Department of Education, *Religious Education Implementation Procedures*, there are new requirements that need to be met before religious 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.

JAM (Jesus and me), currently meets at GHS is conducted by Ms Cummins. The students in the group have organised fellowship games and activities on Fridays. The group routinely undertakes the agenda as described on the following page.

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

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Sonja Anderson
Principal

JAM

Time: Lunchtime on Friday.

Location: D Block

Who, is invited: The whole school community

Typical Agenda: Fellowship, games, sermon and prayer

Parental Permission for Student to Participate in JAM, 2019

Student's Name: _____

Year Group: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in a student organised JAM group which operates each week. I understand that this 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: ____/____/____