



Inspire Permanent Prayer Spaces aims to:

- make a recognised contribution to pupils' learning, spiritual development and well-being;
- encourage a partnership between school and church in supporting the spiritual and pastoral life of the whole school community.

I needed some quiet time to think about something important.

It's easy to share worries and thoughts here.

The smiley faces in the sand made me smile and feel better.

Why have a permanent prayer space?

So that pupils can:

- continue to develop and learn skills introduced in the SMSC curriculum;
- build on previous connections and experiences with Prayer Spaces and engage creatively with their spirituality and what they believe;
- develop their understanding and experience of values, festivals, PSHCE and RE themes;
- understand that they have great worth and value in themselves, that their lives as human beings have a purpose beyond mere existence;
- be encouraged about themselves and gain resilience and understanding to equip them to face some of life's challenges.

What is a permanent prayer space?

A permanent prayer space can be a chair in reception or the corridor, a corner in the library or hall, a quiet room, space or a notice board and table, with a theme to provoke and inspire prayer and personal reflection. It provides a hands-on, reflective area using colourful stimuli and resources focusing on church festivals, values and other aspects of the SMSC curriculum.

How is a permanent prayer space resourced and set up?

Gen8 devise themed materials, put together resource kits, and deliver them to church link volunteers, offering extra help with displays if needed. Everything is provided including drapes, cushions, activities, instruction cards, blutack and drawing pins! A new theme is set up every 4-6 weeks. There are enough themes and kits for a three year rolling programme.

Funding

Funds to cover the cost of the resources provided are usually met by the local church as a way of the church supporting the school community.



It made me think about the things about myself I like and don't like. I've never spent so long thinking about me!

It reminds me how much God loves me and how everyone is special.

When you pray you can put all your worries and fears away.

I felt calm and relaxed.



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