



RELIGIOUS POLICY

The Applewood community recognises the diversity of religions in South Africa. In accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa we wish to recognise each individual's right to religious expression. We acknowledge that no child should be discriminated against as a result of their religious beliefs. Within this aforementioned understanding, the school has adopted as a part of its constitution the stance that: "Applewood has a Christian Ethos." This not only honours the school's Christian foundation and origins, but also reflects the majority religious practise of the school community.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE.

- Assemblies and other formal occasions will contain Christian readings, messages and prayers.
- Teachers are free to begin and end the school day in prayer with their classes.
- Teachers and or parents are free to organise voluntary prayer meetings on the school premises should they so wish.
- Teachers and staff may not promote any particular Christian denomination or church affiliation.
- Teachers and staff are not permitted to actively convert learners to the Christian or any other faith.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Should a child and their family of a particular religious persuasion wish to celebrate a recognised holy day (within the school term) as a religious holiday a letter or email informing us of the fact that they will not be in school attendance or leaving early will be required.