

Cheadle Primary School

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POLICY FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

NATURE AND PURPOSE.

Our Collective Acts of Worship are broadly Christian in nature, reflecting the broad traditions of Christian belief. We also take account of other religions and beliefs in our Acts of Worship encouraging and promoting an understanding and tolerance of other faiths.

We provide the opportunity for members of our school to consider spiritual and moral issues and explore their own beliefs.

We interpret "taking part" as more than passive attendance. We encourage participation and response through either active involvement in presentation, or through listening to and joining in the worship offered.

We ensure that we promote British Values and reinforce positive attitudes towards others.

We are an inclusive school and we ensure that we celebrate difference and reflect the culture and heritage of all our children.

We ensure that collective worship is an activity and experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain, no matter what their personal commitment.

We aim to provide an Act of Worship in which our children from Christian and non-Christian families can participate.

We aim at different times to make our collective Act of Worship:

- Informative
- Peaceful
- Joyful
- Instructive
- Stimulating
- Encouraging
- Reflective
- Awe-inspiring
- Thought provoking
- Pertinent
- Safe and Secure
- Sensitive

Our Collective Act of Worship provides opportunity for positive educational experiences:

- To celebrate - achievements, special occasions, etc.
- To share and appreciate differences
- To foster a sense of group identity
- To give time to reflect upon common values - including moral values
- For learning how to behave in a large social gathering
- For learning how to 'perform' in front of an audience and how to respond appropriately to such performances,
- To provide a context in which school members can be joined by the wider community

During the Collective Act of Worship we aim to evoke feelings, which help to enhance worship:

- Sense of beauty
- Sense of wonder and awe
- Feeling of pride
- Sense of empathy
- Sense of smallness in the face of the grandness of things
- Sense of grandness in the face of the smallness of things
- Feeling of shared sadness and joy
- Feeling of shared loss and gain
- Sense of peace
- Sense of thankfulness
- Sense of stillness in the midst of a busy existence
- Sense of purpose

Organisation:

There is a Collective Act of Worship each day. During the week there are opportunities for whole school, Key Stage and, on occasion, class Acts of Worship.

Guidelines for creating a positive atmosphere:

Children should:

- Walk into the hall in a quiet and sensible manner.
- Listen to the music
- Listen whilst adults or other children are speaking.
- Raise hands to answer questions
- At the end of assembly - listen to the music and leave the hall in quiet and sensible manner

As adults we set a good example to the children, helping to create a calm quiet atmosphere by modeling our expectations through our own behaviour.