

Cheadle Primary School

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POLICY FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The law requires all schools to provide a daily collective act of worship that is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature for most of the time. At Cheadle Primary School, we will meet the requirements in full. Where parents request it, their child will be withdrawn from the collective worship and alternative arrangements made for them.

INTENT

1. Each day all children will have the opportunity to participate in a high quality occasion of worship and reflection. This could be whole school, within a Key Stage or within the classroom.
2. Collective worship will contribute to the spiritual development of the pupils.
3. A variety of different opportunities will be used to meet our statutory duty.
4. Strong links will be made between spiritual, moral, social and cultural education and religious education.
5. Worship will help children understand and experience the meaning of great religious festivals.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. On some occasions the school will meet corporately for worship and on others it will meet in different groupings.
2. On some occasions worship will be held in classrooms and be led by teachers and children at appropriate times during the day.
3. Worship will be used for celebration and thanksgiving.
4. Pupils will be given opportunities to participate in to worship and lead worship.
5. Occasionally, outside speakers will be brought in to address the children and where appropriate, lead acts of worship.
6. On special occasions worship will be linked to religious festivals e.g. Christmas and Easter.
7. On some occasions the school may invite outside speakers to contribute to collective worship.
8. Where parents exercise their right to request that their child does not attend collective worship, alternative arrangements will be made for them. The rights of staff to withdraw from collective worship will be recognized.
9. We promote British Values and reinforce positive attitudes towards others.
10. We are an inclusive school and we ensure that we celebrate difference and reflect the diverse culture and heritage of our children.
11. We ensure that collective worship is an activity and experience to which all can contribute and gain from, no matter what their personal commitment.
12. We provide opportunities where our children can consider spiritual and moral issues and their own beliefs.
12. 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

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
- To provide a context in which our children can be joined by the wider community
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During the Collective Act of Worship we aim to evoke feelings, which help to enhance worship:

- Sense of beauty, 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 purpose

IMPACT

Children will be offered excellent opportunities to experience enjoy and participate in a variety of different kinds of acts of worship. They will have the opportunity to an ethos conducive to spiritual development and reflection.

Article 14: Freedom of thought, belief and religion – “Everyone has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion”.