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Chaplaincy Policy

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Philosophy

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we recognise the need for the chaplaincy role to help foster and maintain the Catholic ethos in our school. We believe its purpose is to serve the personal and spiritual needs of the school community both staff and pupils alike. In the light of our mission statement we acknowledge that within our Catholic community we will act as chaplains to one another and to the children and parents through our everyday actions and behaviour.

Aim

Our aim is to develop the role of chaplaincy through links with the local parishes that serve our school. The local clergy support us in this and, as far as possible, endeavour to provide us with school chaplaincy support. The Headteacher is the named chaplaincy co-ordinator but this responsibility is shared with the Deputy Headteacher.

We believe the role of chaplaincy should fulfill a number of purposes:

- The school and staff have spiritual and emotional support in times of need
- To act as a listener and give support to those who might seek their help
- To develop talents and ministries among staff and pupils

- To support the pattern of worship in the school,
- Join with pupils and staff in celebrations and acts of worship,
- Invite local clergy to visit the school and meet with the staff and children as often as they are able,
- To involve those missionary visitors linked to the Diocese in school life in order to develop an understanding and awareness of the wider Church.

Strategies

- We use the celebration opportunities within the liturgical calendar to involve the local clergy in the children's celebrations,
- The staff will plan and prepare liturgies with the children with appropriate styles of prayer and worship,

The current position:

The governors and staff are committed to providing the best chaplaincy provision they can. We do not have a named chaplain but Father Samuel and Father Louis Charuvila

Pappy (St Ann's, St Chad's & Christchurch) visit the school and meet with staff and pupils.

We liaise with all three parishes regarding Sacramental preparation and Liturgical feasts and the children are invited to take part in important Church celebrations e.g. Christmas Celebrations, Good Friday, Easter Celebrations and Children's liturgies.

Further Action

- To develop child chaplaincy representatives.
- To identify appropriate training within the continuing professional development programme to enable staff to develop understanding of the chaplaincy role within the school and plan future provision