

# **Chorley St. Mary's**

Catholic Primary School and Nursery



## **Spiritual Development**

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# Policy Document for Spiritual Development

## MISSION STATEMENT

**St. Mary's is a welcoming community who: learn together; live out Catholic values; celebrate all achievement and believe all is possible in Christ's hands.**

**'With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow.'**

Spiritual Development involves:

- The development of insights, principles, beliefs, attitudes and values which guide and motivate children.

## AIM

To enable all our children to experience a sense of awe and wonder, and be touched by the mysteries of life.

## OBJECTIVE

- To develop an understanding of feelings and emotions, which enables all our children to reflect and to learn, at their own level and in their own time.
- To be given space, time and opportunity to reflect on these new ways of thinking during Collective Worship.

## METHOD

- The approach to spiritual development will be cross curricular, with 'Come and See' at its core.
- The curriculum will be broad, balanced, creative and culturally diverse, in order to provide the children with a range of opportunities and experience to develop their own spirituality.
- The children will explore their feelings, thoughts and attitudes in a quiet and prayerful atmosphere.
- The reward system in school will reflect our ethos and positively encourage children to foster high standards of empathy, politeness, honesty and responsibility, developing self-discipline and respect for self and others.
- To ensure that all other school policies and procedures support the spiritual development of all our children.

This policy is monitored and updated by Mr Hodge (RE co-ordinator).