

2 Possible activities

- 1) Set up scenarios of broken friendships or invite children to create their own. Ask children to take it in turns to assume the role of peer mediator, and say what advice you would give.
- 2) List some of the consequences of broken friendships and ask children to find ways of mending these.
- 3) Create a fact sheet/flow diagram of the steps you would take take if a friendship was making you feel unhappy, uncomfortable and you could not resolve it on your own. A. at home, B. in school, C. in the wider community, e.g. after school club, D. on-line.
- 4) Find a variety of ways to demonstrate how pupils of [name your school] ensure that, they look out for each other and take care of each other, to support the positive mental health and wellbeing for all.

3 Pause and reflect

Reflective music

The Cross is a sign and symbol of complete forgiveness and so we make the Sign of the Cross with gratitude and love.

"In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen."

We light a candle to welcome the presence of Jesus among us and prepare to listen to His word.

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew
Matthew 18:21-22

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have forgive him? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven, because the Kingdom of heaven is like this."

4 Prayer

God of generous love, we thank you for forgiving us endlessly.
Give us grateful and forgiving hearts always and at all times.
May it be said of us, as of the 'first Christians' "see how they love one another."
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

5 Sing

'Oh the love of my Lord.'

[Celebration Hymnal for Everyone, No.570]

In every pardon there is love.

Welsh proverb

*"The basis of deep joy is the presence of God.
The presence of God in the family and his love,
which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all."*

Pope Francis