

Saint Paul's C of E School

Religious Education Policy 2018-2019

Rationale

This document provides the foundation for the teaching of R.E. We consider this to be the most important subject of our curriculum in that our aim as a church school are to help children to be religiously educated and to make them aware of the beliefs and practises of the Church of England. We are also required by the Education Act of 1988 to teach religious education as a part of the basic school curriculum, seen as central to the whole curriculum: it is taught as both a subject and an integral part of our everyday life in school.

Aims

We aim to provide a Christian education for all our children whilst developing in them an appreciation of the beliefs of others in the local community and in the wider world. Children experience in the school the values and attitudes which are based on Christian commitment and will take part in celebrating the festivals of the Christian year. We aim for an open, reflective approach to Christianity and other world faiths and try to ensure each child develops in both knowledge and understanding throughout their time in our school.

Content

The broad content of our RE Scheme is taken from the Diocesan exemplar scheme of work which follows guidance set out by SACRE. Class teachers must ensure that each class follows the curriculum map for their year group and in consultation with one another, will appreciate the need for development and progression throughout school. Children's progress will be regularly assessed in line with the whole school R.E. assessment scheme and planning on future lessons may be adapted accordingly. Each child will have their own copy of the assessment schedule stuck in the inside cover of their R.E. books. This will ensure pupils are also aware of their progress and can identify the 'next steps' in their learning.

As St Paul's is a Church of England school many of our pupils have little or no opportunity to meet people from other faiths. One of the requirements of the agreed syllabus is that we teach about other religions. We will continue with Islam, the fith our pupils look at in our main feeder infant skill and we will then introduce Buddhism.

We will encourage our pupils to appreciate both the place of Christianity in our world and the place of other faiths throughout our community cohesion work.

There should be an hour timetabled each week for Religious Education and daily collective acts of worship.

Resources

We have a central R.E area in the school hall, dedicated to housing quality resources to aid the teaching of Religious Education. These resources are audited annually and are updated as necessary. Visitors to our school are always made welcome. Members of the local community are used to support the teaching of many of our topics (e.g. The Salvation Army, Bible explorers etc). Each class visits a different Church from our local area in order to support topic work and develop their understanding of the different denominations of Christianity. We also visit the Manjushri Temple when studying Buddhism. We have regular updates about the life of pupils at our link school, the school of joy, Beit Saviour, Bethlehem.

Review

The subject leader will review this policy annually and any necessary changes will be implemented.

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