

## **POLICY FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

At St John & St James Church of England Primary School, we believe that children need to learn about, and from religion. Our Religious Education (RE) is predominantly Christian, but includes the study of other religious traditions and beliefs. Religious Education does not allow any indoctrination of pupils in a particular tradition.

The daily act of worship is a separate event and has its own policy.

### **Aims**

Our aims for Religious Education are:

- To teach children about Christianity and provide them with a working knowledge of the Bible and the life of Jesus
- To promote understanding and a sensitivity towards those with religious beliefs different from Christianity
- To develop the ability to think about questions of belief and value, to foster spiritual awareness and a sense of wonder.
- To provide experience of a living and practical faith
- To provide a clear understanding of the role of the Christian church in the local community and across the world.
- To provide an understanding of Christian festivals, rites of passage and symbols
- To investigate the variety of denominations with the Christian faith
- To develop skills and attitudes such as investigation, interpretation, reflection and empathy

### **Objectives**

Our objectives for Religious Education are:

- For all teachers to plan and teach a weekly Religious Education lessons of not less than 45 minutes.
- All lessons planned using the 'Badger Religious Education' scheme.
- For all lessons to be planned thoroughly and taught confidently with clear learning objectives.
- To present activities and information in an imaginative way relating this to the children's own lives and experience, wherever possible.
- To develop the content of the scheme of work through a variety of teaching and learning styles.
- To develop the understand of religious language, concepts and symbolism.

- To use appropriate artefacts and books to enhance teaching and learning, when possible,

## **Resources**

- When possible for all children to visit the Parish Church of St John with St Mary at least once during their time at St John & St James Church of England Primary School.
- The children also visit St Mary's N17 in the Spring term as part of their study on an Anglican church.
- Resource boxes to support all six main religions will be established for the use by all teaching staff and pupils.
- Opportunities for children to visit places of worship, of other faiths.
- The Parish Priest and local clergy of other denominations will be invited into school to assist with assemblies and the teaching of Religious Education.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from Religious Education. We invite parents with a concern in this area to discuss the matter with the Headteacher. It is our aim that all the children in our care take part in the Religious Education teaching we provide.

Drafted for and on behalf of the  
Governing Body of St John & St James C of E Primary School

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