



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

## STATEMENT OF INTENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT

### INTENT

At St. Chad's C.E. Primary School the Religious Education curriculum plays an integral role in defining the school's distinctive Christian character. RE plays a significant role in developing children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The curriculum promotes open mindedness and encourages children to be respectful and understanding citizens who are sensitive to the beliefs of others. RE lessons encourage children to explore, engage and reflect on a wide range of religious beliefs and practices. RE plays a vital role in developing religious literacy and deepening pupils understanding of Christianity, in all its forms, and fostering appreciation and understanding of other faith traditions. The Religious Education curriculum is underpinned by the school's adopted Christian Values: Kindness, Belonging, Commitment, Independence, Empathy and Honesty. The influence of religious and world views is also studied on a local, national and global scale.

### IMPLEMENTATION

RE is planned in accordance to the SACRE agreed syllabus. Lessons taught weekly and are planned to incorporate the Understanding Christianity scheme and the LBDE scheme. The curriculum covers: Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism and fosters children's inquisitive nature. Staff are encouraged to use a hands on approach to learning in RE lessons. Children are encouraged to handle religious artefacts and they are taught the importance of doing so respectfully. Children are provided with opportunities to meet visitors from different faiths and the school also have strong links with the local churches St. Chad's and Holy Trinity. Visitors from other denominations of Christianity are also warmly welcomed and encouraged. Where visits are not possible, children are encouraged to use videos and the internet to enhance their learning. RE lessons are question based and children are encouraged to ask questions of their own to help drive their learning forward. Each class has a quiet reflection area that enables children to develop their own spirituality throughout their journey at St Chad's.

### IMPACT

The impact of the RE curriculum is evident through the pupil voice. Surveys and questionnaires are used to gain children's opinions and subject knowledge and this is fed back to individual members of staff. Pupil voice alongside 'in the moment' assessments is used to further develop lessons. Through the teaching of RE the aim is to develop the children's awareness of their own spirituality and this can be seen through their use of the class reflection areas. Children's hands on experiences, visits and research will help them to develop their own morals and understanding of different societies, cultures and beliefs.