



Brimscombe CE Primary School

Religious Education Policy

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'Stay alert and hold firmly to all you believe. Be mighty and full of courage. Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do.'

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Through our Christian ethos we work together to develop enquiring minds, a spirit of curiosity, tolerance, and resilience. We value every member of our school community for who they are. Through challenge, support and building positive relationships, we pursue excellence in all we do.

The aims of our school are that:

- All our pupils feel safe & cared for
- All our children flourish
- We look after ourselves and each other
- Everyone in our school community understands tolerance & respect for others.
- Each child grows in spiritual awareness.
- We celebrate diversity.
- We encourage global awareness
- We provide rich opportunities for our children to learn
- Everyone promotes positive relationships.
- We build a community of children, staff, parents and Governors that works together for the benefit of all.

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Who is this policy for?

This policy is a point of reference for all stakeholders: teaching and support staff, including temporary staff, supply teachers and students; voluntary helpers, including those who lead Open the Book; governors; parents and carers.

1.Introduction

Religious Education has an important part to play in the education of **all** children. It enables children to explore and articulate their own beliefs allowing them to make meaning and sense of their lives and the world around them whilst developing respect and understanding for others. It gives them space to ask big questions and supports their journey to find out more.

2.Aims

As a church school, RE supports and strengthens the school vision which is at the heart of what we do. Alongside that, RE aims to:

- Develop knowledge, understanding and awareness of the beliefs and practices of Christianity, such as the importance of the Bible and the role of the Church, alongside some of the other principal religions in Britain within the framework of the Church of England's vision for Education.
- To develop respect for those holding different beliefs and understand that belief can affect culture, relationships and lifestyle.
- To promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Develop skills of reflection, empathy and exploration, alongside effective communication.

3.Role of the School

Religious Education will be planned, delivered and monitored using the Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education and the 'Understanding Christianity,' framework. Recognising the special nature of our church school, Religious Education will be taught and assessed as a discrete subject within the cross-curricular framework on a weekly basis.

Religious Education will be taught using a variety of teaching methods, including whole class, group and individual activities. These activities will ensure that children learn effectively and with interest. The school will endeavour to support RE teaching by inviting visitors into school to enhance the learning as well as plan visits out to local places of worship or places linked to the area of learning being taught.

4.Role of Parents and Carers

Brimscombe CE Primary School respects the rights of parents/carers to withdraw their child from Religious Education lessons on religious grounds. If the school should receive a request for withdrawal, alternative arrangements could be made for the child after a mutual agreement with parents had been reached.

5.Equal Opportunities

The general guidelines set out in the Equality of Opportunity Policy will be followed but additionally, Religious Education will provide learning opportunities for all pupils, of whatever religion or of none.

6.Monitoring

The RE Subject Leader, along with the governor responsible for RE, will support, monitor and evaluate Religious Education across the school. They will report to staff and Governors and draw up an action plan for future development.

Links to other Policies

PSHCE

Equal Opportunities