

Religious Education Policy

Purley CE Primary School

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Learn to love, love to learn



Purley C of E Primary School

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RE plays a major part in promoting the Christian aims, values and ethos of Purley School.

- Our school vision at Purley CE Primary School is to ensure everyone is nurtured as individuals to shine brightly with confidence to be the best version of themselves.
- Learn to love, love to learn

Our Biblical reference

“Let all that you do be done with love” 1 Corinthians 16:14

Our mission at Purley CE Primary School is to ensure everyone is nurtured as individuals to shine brightly with confidence to be the best version of themselves.

- Our provision for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is at the centre of all we do.
- Through our value of love, we inspire the children to love God, love themselves, love one another and love learning.
- Through our value of courage we guide our children to to accept the things they cannot change and have the courage to change the things they can (Serenity Prayer)
- Through our value of wisdom we encourage our children to make the right choices in life.

AIMS

Religious education aims to help pupils to:

- acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of Christianity and the other principal religions represented in Great Britain;
 - develop an understanding of the influence of beliefs, values and traditions on individuals, communities, societies and cultures;
 - develop a positive attitude towards other people, respecting their right to hold different beliefs from their own and towards living in a society of diverse religions
 - develop the ability to make reasoned and informed judgements about religious and moral issues;
 - enhance their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development;
- (summarised from the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education p5).

The aims of Religious Education in Purley as a church school are:

- To know about and understand Christianity as a diverse global living faith through the exploration of core beliefs using an approach that critically engages with biblical text.

- To gain knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and worldviews appreciating diversity, continuity and change within the religions and worldviews being studied.
- To engage with challenging questions of meaning and purpose raised by human existence and experience.
- To recognise the concept of religion and its continuing influence on Britain's cultural heritage and in the lives of individuals and societies in different times, cultures and places.
- To explore their own religious, spiritual and philosophical ways living, believing and thinking

TEACHING RE

- All children have RE provision from Foundation to Year 6
- Should aim to be 10% but at least 5% of curriculum time should be devoted to RE
- Christianity is the majority religion studied each year with at least 50% of curriculum time
- Other faiths are covered, appreciating the different faiths of children attending the school and that of the community.
- Other faiths studied are predominantly Judaism and Islam.
- The school has a scheme of work based on the locally agreed syllabus, the Oxford Diocese Scheme of work and the Understanding Christianity materials.
- A variety of resources styles and techniques are used as appropriate
- Learning is organised to encourage the development of attitudes such as self-awareness, respect for all, open mindedness, appreciation and wonder.

RE is totally separate from Collective Worship

ASSESSMENT

Teachers assess RE half termly with reference to the assessment policy. Parents will be informed of their child's progress regularly with a written report given at the end of the school year. Pieces of work are collated into a class scrap book and monitored by the RE co-ordinator.

RESOURCES

Resources are ordered by the co-ordinator and are stored in the staffroom.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

This policy is drawn up with due regard to and operates within the school's Equal Opportunities Policy.

WITHDRAWAL

The purpose of religious education does not include any attempt to alter a child's beliefs. Indeed, reflecting the inclusive ethos of the school our religious education programme is

designed not 'to convert pupils or urge a particular religion or religious belief on pupils'.
(Agreed Syllabus p3)

Parents may withdraw their children from all or any part of religious education. However, we hope that all parents and teachers feel comfortable with the type of religious education being taught at the school. Parents wishing to withdraw their children are asked to provide written notification to this effect.

September 2019

Track changes

Date	Change
Autumn 2019	Updated to reflect new statement of entitlement 50% of curriculum time devoted to Christianity and aims and objectives Updated with new vision and mission statement