

Chapelford Village Primary School

Religious Education Curriculum Statement



Intent

At Chapelford Village Primary School, we believe that learning about religion and from religion plays a vital role in developing thoughtful, compassionate, and well-rounded individuals. Through our Religious Education (RE) curriculum, pupils gain a deep understanding of the diverse world around them and the beliefs, values, and traditions that shape it.

Our RE curriculum fosters curiosity, respect, and open-mindedness, encouraging children to explore profound questions about life, belief, and meaning. Pupils are supported to reflect on their own experiences and values while learning to appreciate the perspectives of others. In doing so, they develop the empathy, tolerance and understanding that prepare them for life in a culturally rich and diverse modern society.

Implementation

At Chapelford, Religious Education is taught through an engaging and well-structured curriculum that explores key world faiths, including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism. Children are introduced to the beliefs, practices and traditions that underpin these religions, as well as opportunities to consider non-religious worldviews.

Our curriculum is carefully sequenced to ensure that pupils build on prior knowledge as they progress through school, deepening their understanding and making meaningful connections between different concepts and faiths. Regular opportunities to revisit key themes help to embed learning and strengthen long-term knowledge retention.

The teaching and learning of RE are guided by our dedicated RE Leader, who ensures high-quality provision through ongoing monitoring, evaluation, and professional development. Strong links are made with PSHE, supporting the wider personal, social and moral growth of our pupils and promoting respect and tolerance across all areas of school life.

To bring learning to life, we enrich the curriculum through meaningful experiences such as visits to places of worship and visits from faith representatives. We have a close partnership with our St James church, who regularly support our learning through assemblies and school visits, including *Open the Book* storytelling sessions. These real-life encounters enable children to gain authentic insights into faith and community in action.

Impact

By the time children leave Chapelford Village Primary School, they will have developed a rich understanding of major world religions and the values that underpin them. They will be able to articulate their own beliefs with confidence, while showing genuine respect for the views of others.

Our pupils leave us with the knowledge, empathy, and cultural awareness needed to thrive in an increasingly diverse world. They are equipped not only with an understanding of faith and belief, but with the curiosity, compassion and moral grounding that will guide them throughout their lives.