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| ***“Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength” –* Dalai Lama** |

 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONSTRUCT**

**Aims and Objectives**

Develop understanding of the ways in which religious beliefs and secular views influence the values, practices and behaviour of individuals, communities, societies and cultures.

Religious Education is concerned with the deep meaning that individuals and groups make of their experiences and how this helps them give purpose to their lives.

The purpose of Religious Education is to help pupils to reflect upon the experiences and the mysteries of life and the contribution of religious and spiritual dimensions.

**What History looks like at Dowson**

RE at Dowson teaches children about different religions principle religions represented in the UK. Through this children will learn to have a mutual tolerance and respectful attitude towards different cultures.

Lessons are taught to be challenging, engaging and well planned using the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

When possible children should have access to Religious artefacts and materials to gain greater understanding of religions being taught.

**Vision for Pupils**

We want pupils at Dowson to learn about different cultures and religions and for them to have a respectful attitude towards them.

It is important for our children to acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of principle religions represented in the UK.

Acquire knowledge and develop understanding of Christianity and other principle religions represented in the UK.

To address fundamental questions about life and enable personal search and meaning purpose through consideration of the beliefs and teachings of the principle religions represented in the UK.

To reflect on personal experiences in the light if their study of religion and develop confidence in their own identity, beliefs and values.

Our pupils should develop an understanding of the influence of beliefs, values and traditions on individuals, communities, societies, and cultures from the local to the global.

We aim for pupils to develop the ability to make reasoned and informed judgments about religions and moral issues, with reference to the principle religions represented in the UK.

Overall we want our pupils to develop positive attitudes of respect towards other people who hold views and beliefs different to their own, and towards living in a society of diverse religions and beliefs.