

Spirituality Policy

Together, we **CARE!**



"Be kind and loving to each other".

Ephesians 4:32 (ICB)

Mepal & Witcham Primary School
a part of Ely Diocese Multi Academy Trust

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1. Aims

At Mepal & Witcham C of E Primary School, all aspects of school life reflect a Christian ethos. This policy is based on Christian principles and sets out how the school pays particular attention to developing spirituality.

We want children to become increasingly aware of the following concepts:

- Self: the inner person and the way that this shapes an individual's perception of themselves as a unique human being, reflecting on their relationship with their sense of being a unique person.
- Others: a growing empathy and compassion of how to treat others, reflecting on how their values & principles affect their relationships with others.
- Physical and Creative World: a growing relationship with beauty responding with appreciation and curiosity to experience of the wonder of the natural world.
- Up above & beyond: a growing relationship with the transcendental and the ability to explore experiences beyond the everyday.

We strive for children to develop an understanding of the beliefs and values of Christianity and other world religions. The children are respectful of the beliefs and values of others. We promote the understanding of the ethos of a Church school and the content, language and symbolism of the Christian faith as a way of understanding our meaning and purpose in life.

2. Our shared language

We see spirituality as a connection: a connection to something bigger than ourselves and also with others. It is also seen as an inward connection, or reflection: looking within for answers and guidance.

We believe that it is very important to provide all children with a range of opportunities to help them develop spiritually. We believe that spiritual development may not be synonymous with Religious Education and Collective Worship and can be explored through many different curriculum areas. As a school we focus on the idea of 3 concepts of spirituality using a triangle as a symbol (see Appendix) for a shared language: To connect UP (with the transcendent), To reflect withIN; and To Connect OUT with others.

3. Its Value

As educators and in accordance with the Equalities Act 2010, we want to help every child to be the best that they can be (our vision: Be Kind and Loving to Eachother) and have a duty to support the children to achieve this; part of this responsibility is to help children develop spiritually. At Mepal & Witcham CofE Primary, all aspects of school life reflect a Christian ethos and all policies are based on Christian principles.

4. In Practice



We provide and plan for a wide range of opportunities for children to develop spiritually in all areas of the curriculum. In particular, through Religious Education, English, Maths, PSHE, Science, Humanities, Art and Music.

We provide and plan for a wide range of opportunities for children to develop spiritually through Worship including: whole school, class and choral worship opportunities.

We also provide areas for quiet reflection in school in our central spiritual spaces in addition to the areas within classes where children are encouraged to think deeply about the week's value and Big Question. These moments of reflection and food for thought provide opportunities for prayer, including silence and stillness, observed through different points across a school day.

5. Link to other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- Collective Worship policy
- RE policy.

6. Appendix - Triangle of Spirituality

