

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is the most important area of our curriculum. We believe it to be the 'core of core' subjects.

We follow the Lancaster Diocese Curriculum which ensures a full and comprehensive religious education. We are guided by the Bishops' directives of 10% of all learning to be curriculum RE and we use this time to achieve the learning outcomes identified in the RECD – The Religious Education Curriculum Directory.

To supplement the Lancaster Diocesan Framework, we have invested in the 'Come and See' scheme of work alongside units of work from CAFOD and 'This is my body.' Staff use their professional judgement to seek useful Catholic resources from a wide variety of agreed schemes and syllabuses to ensure that the delivery of our most important subject is exciting, engaging, vibrant and current, complemented with highly effective ICT use. Please look at the ['Catholic Life'](#) page of our website to discover ways in which you can support your child's learning in RE.

PRAYER AND LITURGY

In all schools it is statutory that Collective Worship forms part of the school day. In schools with a designated religious character, like Catholic schools, collective worship is far more than a statutory requirement. It is crucial to the spiritual life of the school and to pupils' moral and spiritual development. Collective worship is an important part of a Catholic school's distinctive ethos.

Taking part in daily collective worship helps build community cohesion by creating a consistent structure around the core values and symbols of Christianity. In Catholic schools, pupil participation and engagement in worship are important criteria in the diocesan inspection of Catholic education, not least during the daily act of collective worship. From Reception to Year 13, pupils are invited to play an active part in collective worship.

We gather together at St Ignatius every day for prayer and worship. Twice a week this is through a whole school assembly, three times a week it is a mixture of adult or child led and held in class. Beautiful Prayer and Liturgy books record some of the evidence of these sessions but often, there is no

recording as this may take away from the spiritual development of the children.