

Statement of Intent – What we want our children to gain from Religious Education (R.E.) lessons

Our Religious Education (R.E.) curriculum reflects our whole school values of **respect**, kindness, perseverance, forgiveness and challenge. It enables children to study a range of World religions and to reflect on their own opinions. We provide opportunities for children to **understand** how our school values are rooted in the Christian faith, and also to recognise how these values are widely held across many key world religions.

R.E. at St. Michael's School develops children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development so that they are **respectful** and **understanding** of others. The teaching of R.E. allows children to express their own enquiring, informed and reflective views about beliefs and prepares them for future life. Along with other subjects, R.E. helps to develop children's confidence to speak and be able to clearly articulate their ideas and arguments. The R.E. curriculum is enriched by visits to places of worship and engagement with members of different faith communities.

BIG IDEAS

RESPECT - I value other peoples' views and beliefs and know that they may be different from my own.

DIVERSITY - I understand that people have different ways of doing things and this can also come from their cultural and religious identity.

UNDERSTANDING - I understand why some peoples' beliefs and values might cause them to act in a certain way.