

# Religious Education

RE is at the heart of our welcoming, loving and inclusive school community and its curriculum. Through learning about Jesus, we are guided as to how we can live out our Mission Statement of 'Recognising Christ in Everyone', creating a school environment where our children are happy, confident and feel secure, knowing they are valued and cared for as unique people, made in the image and likeness of God.

The key beliefs and values of our faith permeate throughout our day-to-day life through child and adult-led Prayer and Liturgy, as well as our learning. Opportunities for the children to have time and space for spiritual and moral development are integral to our day in our reflections, both in lessons as well as through Prayer and Liturgy. Our chaplaincy provision also helps our school to provide opportunities for the spiritual and moral development of staff and the children.

Using God Matters for our taught curriculum, we aim to provide a rich curriculum which enables progression, building conceptual understanding and skills over time through informed planning and assessment, where celebration of effort is clearly evident.

We support and encourage all children to be religiously literate and engaged young people, using their knowledge, understanding and skills effectively to reflect spiritually and to think ethically and theologically; being aware of the 'demands of religious commitment in everyday life'. We also support and encourage our children to show notable independence in their learning, speaking fluently and confidently about what they have learnt in RE, using key concepts and subject-specific vocabulary. This often leads to the children asking incisive questions of adults and peers, indicating an innate curiosity and a desire to deepen learning.

Supported by the teaching of our RE curriculum, our children show a deep respect for their own personal dignity and they also show a deep sense of respect for others who are made in the image and likeness of God; those of other faiths, religions and none.

Through our Catholic Social Teaching, we are encouraged to gladly embrace our personal responsibility to care for our Common Home, pursue the common good and serve those in need, actively responding locally, nationally and globally, whilst being able to clearly articulate the theology underpinning our actions.

In our RHE curriculum, which is firmly rooted in the teaching of the Church, we celebrate the holistic vision of the human person. The children are encouraged and supported to articulate what they have learnt in these lessons.

