

## ST. GEORGE'S C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY

#### **Rationale**

Religious Education is an integral part of the Christian ethos of the school and will enable pupils to understand the nature of religion and its importance in today's world.

The nature of this area of the curriculum and of a Christian school is such that the process of Religious Education will take place by both implicit and explicit means.

#### **Aims**

To raise the children's awareness that belief and faith are important aspects of many people's lives

To encourage them to explore and develop a respect for these beliefs and practices

To introduce them to the main beliefs and teachings of the Christian faith, and that of other world faiths.

During their time at St. George's C of E Primary School, the children should have acquired some knowledge of the following:

The life of Christ

The events of the church year

- The major Christian symbols
- The belief and work of Christian people, e.g. St. George and Mother Theresa and Christian Charitable organisations
- The diversity of Christian faith and its world wide practice
- Rites of passage, e.g. Baptism and Confirmation
- Key Anglican traditions, such as the Trinity
- Awareness of other Faiths and faith buildings

The children will experience visits to the church and will explore themes such as colour, clothes, light and buildings. Visits will take place regularly, in addition to attending services linked to school life.

The major Christian festivals of Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Harvest and Christmas and Harvest will be studied according to the age of the children along with celebrating various saints' days and learning about key Anglican traditions such as the Trinity.

R.E. will be taught by each class teacher, with available support from the R.E. Co-ordinator, which will develop the atmosphere and ethos of the school. R.E. will be taught to all children irrespective of age, race, gender or disability.

Parents do have the right to withdraw their child from R. E. lessons but they are asked to discuss this with the Headteacher

### **Curriculum Guidance**

We shall use the Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus for R.E. along with materials and resources /guidance from other Diocesan Education providers.

The school will also use the Diocesan 'Celebration of Faith'.

R.E. will be time-tabled: KS1 – 45 minutes per week and KS2 - 1 hour per week.

### **Assessment**

Classes will plan 1 or 2 open-ended assessment tasks for each term in order to create a profile of a pupil's learning and understanding over the term. We believe that valuable assessment helps pupils with their own learning and this includes skills and attitudes as well as factual knowledge and understanding.

### **Worship**

This is a very important aspect of our school and compliments the R.E. curriculum taught. There is a separate policy for this.

This policy will be reviewed annually, by staff and Governors.

Date of last review: September 2016

Date of next review: September 2018

Reviewed by co-ordinator: Mandy Brown

Approver by: Cath Tiffany (Vice chair of governors)