



Religious Curriculum

“We live in a dynamic, ever-changing society full of different perspectives, beliefs and cultures. Learning about these things helps children to see the world clearly and helps them develop an understanding about the world and the people in it.”

~BBC news, Family and Education

Purpose of Study:

 Philosophical	<p>Children will be inspired to think critically and ask profound and difficult questions about human life linked to the major world religions and philosophies. They will encounter thought provoking, challenging questions about meaning and purpose in life, beliefs about God, ultimate reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human. Children will learn about and from religions and worldviews in local, national and global contexts, to discover, explore and consider different answers to these questions.</p>
 Practical	<p>Children will have opportunities to engage with a variety of primary and secondary sources and will have the opportunity to visit places of worship. They will gain and deploy the skills needed to understand, interpret and evaluate texts, sources of wisdom and authority and other evidence.</p>
 Emotional	<p>Children will learn to weigh up the value of wisdom from different sources, to develop and express their insights in response, and to agree or disagree respectfully. They will develop an aptitude for dialogue so that they can participate positively in our society with its diverse religions and worldviews. Children will learn to articulate clearly and coherently their personal beliefs, ideas, values and experiences while respecting the right of others to differ. They will be given opportunities to make timely and sensitive responses to unforeseen events of a religious, moral or philosophical nature whether local, national or global.</p>
 Intellectual	<p>Children will be equipped with systematic knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and worldviews, enabling them to develop their ideas, values and identities. They will be exposed to the beliefs and practices specific to each religion in order to develop sensitivity and respect. Children will be provided with opportunities to develop their social, moral, spiritual and cultural understanding.</p>