



## St Peter's CE Primary School

### Religious Education Curriculum Statement



At St Peter's, our aspiration is that every child should be: a successful learner, confident individual, responsible citizen and an effective contributor to society and at work.

Religious Education seeks to make a major contribution to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils by helping them to acquire the knowledge and understanding of Christianity and the other major religions represented in multi-cultural Britain. It also helps them to develop their own beliefs and values.

We follow the [National Curriculum](#) guidance for Religious Education. In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 we follow the Bury Agreed Syllabus, supplemented by the Manchester Diocesan Syllabus for Church Schools.

In the EYFS, we use the Manchester Diocesan Syllabus for Church Schools.

Our aims for the teaching of Religious Education are two-fold:

1. We endeavour to both develop our knowledge and our understanding of religion.
2. We endeavour to learn from religion by exploring and responding to human experience, including our own and others.

Teaching about Christianity plays a central role at St Peter's whilst we also develop our children's knowledge of the other principal religions that are represented in the UK: Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Hinduism.

Through the teaching of Religious Education at St Peter's, we also endeavour to develop pupils' reflective thinking skills and enhance their spiritual, moral and social development. For example, by helping pupils to develop a positive attitude towards others by respecting their right to hold beliefs that are different to their own.

Thinking skills are a key strategy used to develop a child's enquiry based thinking and questioning skills, with a core part of the curriculum being the children's ability to relate the subject matter to their own lives and experiences.

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Religion runs through the very heart of our school and is at the core of everything we do. Through the teaching and learning of Religious Education, we have developed links with the local community and many different organisations such as local care homes and charities such as Christian Aid. We also hold many events throughout the year to raise money for a number of different charities, both global and local, which encourages children to think of others.

We have strong links with St Peter's Church where the children have the opportunity to lead and participate in various services throughout the year. Reverends come into school weekly to lead worship and often to work with the children. Each year our children also visit other places of worship such as Mosques, Synagogues and Sikh Temples.

We celebrate various Christian celebrations throughout the year and hold an annual Eid celebration day around the time of Eid-al-Fitr.

We are delivering 'HeartSmart' throughout school as part of PSHE/RSHE and SMSC. The programme is designed to support children to build resilience, emotional intelligence and active empathy. It enables children to adopt a growth mind-set whilst maintaining a healthy emotional self.

We believe that it is vital to encourage pupils to develop positive attitudes to their learning and to the beliefs and values of others. Our four main attitudes we promote through teaching and learning;

- We are self-aware
- We have respect for all
- We are open minded
- We show appreciation and wonder.