



Backwell C of E Junior School

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Religious Education (RE) Policy Statement

This policy should be taken and used as part of Backwell Church of England School's overall strategy and implemented within the context of our vision, instrument of government aims and values as a Church of England school.

Rationale:

- 1 RE is a statutory subject within the basic curriculum.
- 2 RE is taught in accordance with the LEA agreed syllabus and enriched by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Syllabus.

Aims:

- 1 To help children develop the necessary skills to reflect on and learn from their own experiences so as to develop their own identity, beliefs and values.
- 2 To develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Christianity and so contribute to their spiritual and moral development.
- 3 To provide knowledge of some and encourage respect for all faiths and cultures.
- 4 To create an awareness of the ways in which religious traditions have influenced culture and society.

Methods:

- 1 RE will be taught as a distinct subject and within a cross-curricular class topic, as appropriate.
- 2 The enquiry process will be used in the teaching and learning of RE so that the children may gain a greater insight and understanding of the nature of religion. The curriculum will allow space for pupils to critically reflect on their own religious, spiritual and philosophical convictions.
- 3 The programmes of study from Awareness, Mystery and Value will be taught in accordance with the school's RE topic plan and the school's scheme of work for RE.
- 4 Whilst RE will be predominantly Christian, the children will also learn about other world religions.
- 5 Religious artefacts, the Bible and other books, St Andrew's Church, audio and video materials, computer based and online websites, visitors, ...etc will be used to stimulate learning.
- 6 All children, whatever their academic ability, should have equal access to the RE curriculum.

The Education Reform Act 1988 makes provision for pupils and teachers to withdraw from RE. Parents wishing to exercise this right are asked to express their wish in writing to the Headteacher.