



# St Jude's Church of England Primary School

## Religious Education Policy

Our children  
Our St Jude's family  
Happy – Inspired – Loved  
The sky is not the limit  
Ready for today - prepared for tomorrow

### **Introduction**

St Jude's is a family-based school, where children and their families come together from different cultures and walks of life to celebrate our unity. Religious Education at St Jude's is a chance for classes to come together and learn many key values such as tolerance, respect, community, harmony, love, and forgiveness. It is also a chance for the children to develop their spiritual, moral, social and cultural characteristics. As a Church of England School, we focus on the Christian message and learn about, reflect on and discuss the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. We also promote and affirm Christian Values and reflect on the attributes of God. As we are a diverse school, we also discuss and learn about other faiths and beliefs.

### **Aims**

- To enable the children to know about and understand Christianity as a living faith that influences the lives of people worldwide.
- To enable children to know about and understand other religions and their impact on society and culture.
- To help develop the children's own spiritual/philosophical ideas, explore and enrich their beliefs and values.

### **Organisation of the Subject**

At our school we aim to provide a challenging and robust curriculum based on the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE) schemes of work.

We have developed a robust assessment process which demonstrates children's progression based on knowledge and understanding of core and religious concepts. Pupil's achievement in RE should be equal or better than comparable subjects.

The teaching of Christianity is a key focus in RE lessons, we also provide a rich and broad curriculum by studying and learning about other religions. We adhere to the SDBE guidance on coverage of faiths: 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Christianity 1/3<sup>rd</sup> other religions.

On a yearly basis, we have a Multi-Faith week. This week enhances and develops the children knowledge and understanding about different faiths.

The children are taught in groups and as a whole class as is appropriate for the lesson.

## **Collective Worship**

Collective Worships are carefully planned and link with Biblical themes, Christian Values and are an opportunity for children and staff to celebrate success. Leaders from St Matthew's Church and Herne Hill Baptist regularly attend and lead collective worship.

*Please see the Collective Worship Policy.*

## **Time Allocation**

During the week, RE is given 5% of our weekly timetable; KS1 45 minutes and KS2 1 hour 10 minutes.

## **Developing Staff Expertise**

It is a priority for us at St Jude's to build up our staff's expertise in RE, to provide the best education for our children.

We ensure that:

- Our RE subject leader receives specialist RE training.
- All staff have access to appropriate professional development.
- All teaching staff and governors have an understanding of the distinctive role and purpose of RE within church schools.
- A Governing Body which monitors standards in RE effectively.

## **Role of the Diocesan Board of Education**

As a school, we have a close link with advisors from Southwark Diocese who visit our school to monitor the quality of our RE teaching and to offer high quality training to our staff.

## **Displays and Prayer Corners**

There is a termly hall display, which is organised and maintained by the RE subject leader.

Each classroom has a prayer area, which will follow the RE topic for that half term. It will contain artefacts, books, prayers and questions for the children to engage with.

The classrooms will have a display of the children's work in this curriculum area each half term. Displays will also have a key vocabulary for the topic listed as well challenging questions and quotes for the children to respond to.

There should be a range of levels of displayed but it should be a good piece of work that is displayed.

## **Resources**

Resources for RE are kept in the resources cupboard and any interactive media is saved on the school's system. The resources are specifically chosen to deliver the relevant themes from the RE schemes of work.

Classroom	Central Storage – RE Cupboard
Bible ....sets in classrooms Key stories, or artefacts	Artefacts – Christian, Jewish, Muslim Books/Magazines Posters DVDs and CDs.

## Curriculum Map of RE topics and Themes

Please see Appendix 1A

***This policy was written by Edward Sharp in January 2018.***