

Religious Education

Religious education is a legal entitlement for every pupil. Its place in the curriculum is an acknowledgement of the fact that religious beliefs and practices play an important part in the lives of many people worldwide, and have done so throughout history. An understanding of religion can help children develop a better appreciation of themselves, the people around them and the world in which they live.

This is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School. The education acts require that the religious education should be provided according to the "Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Kent." This document is available in school.

We follow the Canterbury Diocese plans using the Understanding Christianity materials. This is an exciting new approach to teaching RE which encourages exploration and enquiry. It allows children to develop a deeper understanding of the way religious beliefs affect the way people lead their lives.

Christianity and other world faiths are taught to the children in a way that is relevant to their age and stage.

We link closely with Revd Rachel Webbley and St Alphege Church and seek to enable all the children to visit, play and perform there.

Parents have the right to withdraw children from religious lessons and daily worship in assemblies, but these activities make a contribution to cross-curricular objectives pursued during the course of the school week. Please use the 'our curriculum plans' to see the focus for teaching each term.

It is our policy to provide a caring environment through which individuals can grow into well-rounded people, who will fully develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, creatively and intellectually. We celebrate the rich variety of faith and non-faith backgrounds that make up our school community, and we endeavour to be totally inclusive and enable everyone to grow together happily.

