

Rothbury First School

RE and ACW Policy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) & ACTS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP (ACW) POLICY

Religious Education (RE)

The teaching of RE at Rothbury First School is taught in line with guidance from SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education). SACRE advises that teaching is broadly Christian (reflecting the makeup of our society) but also explores important elements of other key faiths and cultures.

In line with this legislation, at Rothbury First School, through our RE curriculum, we aim to explore religious beliefs and practices, promote tolerance and understanding, and help children to develop thinking skills. We aim to provide a Religious Education which is relevant, interesting and useful to all pupils whether they or their families are members of a faith group or not, and, in doing so, we hope to contribute to the development of individual pupils and of society itself.

In teaching RE we aim to:

- Provide children with an experience of RE which is both valid and stimulating
- Enable children to develop their knowledge and understanding of, and their ability to respond to, the major world faiths at a level appropriate to their age, ability and aptitude.
- Encourage a lively and questioning approach to RE which will enable children to enjoy their learning, and help them to consider questions of meaning and purpose in life.
- Provide children with the opportunity to learn about religious and ethical teaching, thereby enabling them to make reasoned and informed judgements on ethical and moral issues.
- Help children to develop their sense of identity and belonging, thereby preparing them for life as citizens in an increasingly diverse society.
- Provide children with the opportunity to reflect on, analyse and evaluate their own beliefs, values and practices and to communicate their responses.
- Encourage children to learn from as well as learn about religion and religious diversity.

We aspire to do this with as many opportunities as possible to meet with and visit the places of worship and members of faith communities.

Acts of Collective Worship (ACW)

A daily act of collective worship gives the children the opportunity for reflection and quiet time.

Withdrawal

Parents/carers may withdraw their children from RE and/or Collective Worship by informing the school in writing of their wishes. The school does not support selective withdrawal from RE. Where a child is withdrawn from RE and/or Collective Worship, the child will be supervised by a member of school staff.