

Duddon Saint Peter's CE School



Religious Education Policy

“As good stewards of the varied gifts given you by God, let each use the gift he has received in service to others.” (1 Peter 4)

‘Recognise and encourage Christian values, acknowledging our Church of England foundation’. **(School aims)**

Religious education is concerned with the whole being of the child and with the beginnings of spiritual awareness. We seek to encourage the development and understanding of religious experiences, feelings and attitudes and begin to explain the cultural background of our heritage.

Through our work in Religious Education we aim to:

- lay foundations for, and to encourage, the spiritual growth of children and help them to develop their sense of identity and belonging, preparing them for life as responsible citizens.
- give opportunities and experiences to assist them in making reasoned and informed judgements on religious and moral issues.
- provide a course of Religious education appropriate to the particular needs of children at their different stages of development, recognising the Church of England foundation of the school in 1875.
- assist and encourage our pupils to experience Christian life and worship.
- help pupils understand the presence of Christian beliefs and values in our society and in the world, and to create an awareness of the rich diversity of religious belief and practice in society today.
- to encourage and develop strong and meaningful links between Duddon Saint Peter's School and Church, particular reference to the life of Saint Peter.

Religious Education teaching in the school is based on a variety of approaches. The morning Collective Worship provides an act of worship with themes that may be appropriate for follow-up work in the classroom; many Collective Worship are based on the major Christian festivals, the lives of people committed to the teaching of Jesus, stories from the Bible and stories which relate to the joys and difficulties faced by both children and adults. These acts of Collective Worship are seen as a major part of the Religious Education programme in the school and are well supported by the Vicar.