

St George's Catholic School



RE Policy

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Mission Statement:

In St. George's Catholic School, we believe that children and young people should be helped to develop harmoniously their physical, moral and intellectual qualities.

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ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUNTON

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY

Aims – to promote:

- Knowledge and understanding of Catholic faith and life.
- Knowledge and understanding of the response of faith to the ultimate questions about human life, its origin and purpose.
- The skills required to engage in examination of and reflection upon Religious belief and practice.
- To promote the Gospel Values and how they are applied in everyday life.

Objectives

- To create a school community where Christian values inform every aspect of school life and promote respect and understanding of other faiths.
- To develop awareness and appreciation of Catholic beliefs and provide children with experiences of scripture, liturgy and real life context.
- RE is for all. It is a collaborative activity that respects and promotes the child's innate capacity for wonder, awe, reverence and imagination – for the 'spiritual'.
- To foster appropriate attitudes; respect for truth; respect for views of others; awareness of the spiritual, of moral, responsibility, of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life and especially the challenge of living in a multicultural, multi-faith society.

Delivery of RE Programme

In line with the Bishops of England and Wales requirements 10% of curriculum time will be devoted to RE.

- At St. George's, we are using the 'God Matters' scheme of work, adapted and supplemented by the planning materials provided by Clifton Diocese.
- Three topics per term plus two other faiths a year, are studied throughout the school.
- All the children are involved in class lessons, including story telling, oral and written work.
- The children will also receive Hymn practice and participate in school and Church Masses, penitential services, assemblies and celebrations.
- Collective acts of worship (class, key stage or whole school assemblies) will take place every day.
- All pupils partake in all RE activities in the school. Any parents with concerns about their child's participation are invited to discuss this with the Headteacher.

Using the Diocesan and God Matters planning materials, classes follow the same topics each year, which are linked to the Liturgical Year. Progression is built into the scheme, which encourages learning through encouragement, exploration and experience.

Assessment

- Age related learning objectives provide success criteria to assess children's performance and progress at the end of each term.
- 'Gospel Values' assemblies are used to promote the development of RE understanding.
- Assessment against AT1, AT2 and AT3 is carried out termly and recorded on Pupil Tracker. This is then analyzed by the RE coordinator and used to inform future planning and provision.

Resources

A wide range of resources are used to support the teaching of RE.

- Diocesan planning materials and resources from Clifton Diocese supplemented by God Matters Curriculum scheme
- A variety of bibles, appropriate to the ages of the pupils
- Prayer books and RE story books from our RE reference library
- Religious artefacts from our RE cupboard
- Other Faith resource boxes from Somerset Heritage