

“With God Nothing is Impossible”

R.E. POLICY

The aim of the R.E. policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Learn from faiths.
- Learn about religious traditions.

STATUTORY AND LEGAL REQUIREMENT

There is a **statutory requirement** laid upon schools to provide a basic curriculum. This consist of the national curriculum and the locally agreed syllabus of religious Education.

The statutory requirement entitles **all** pupils in Birmingham, irrespective of social background, culture, race, religion, gender or differences in ability or disabilities, to a programme of teaching and learning in religious education.

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED

In primary schools teachers should take account of:

1. The **family background** of all the children in the classroom.
2. The **historic and cultural roots** of Birmingham and Britain in the traditions of Christianity.
3. The need to **deepen and broaden** the spiritual and moral dimension
4. The societal concern to build **social cohesion and solidarity**.
5. The need to challenge and engage pupils, meeting their **learning requirements** relative to their ages, aptitude, and daily experience.

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The policy will evolve in conjunction with the continuing development and changing context of the school.

The school will review this policy termly and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

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HIGH QUALITY R.E. WILL INCLUDE:

1. A range of activities e.g. dance, drama, music, readings, silence, reflection
2. Positive pupil involvement and response
3. Opportunities to visit places of worship and invite visitors to participate in R.E. lessons
4. Evidence of careful preparation by all involved in RE
5. Create appropriate exploration and talk time.

RIGHTS OF WITHDRAWAL

We firmly believe that R.E. is an important subject in children's learning. We fully recognise the legal right of parents to withdraw their children from all or any part of R.E. We do ask parents to contact the Headteacher if they have any concerns about R.E. provision and practice at the St. Matthew's School.

The Leader for Collective Worship is:

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